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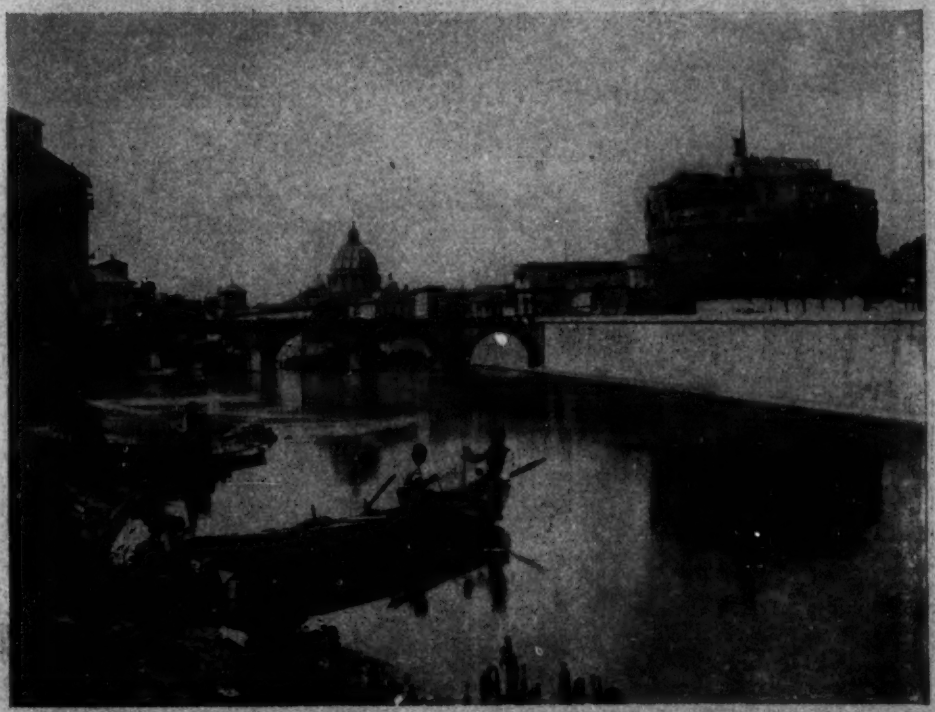

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For Sion's sake I will not hold my Peace, and for the sake of Jerusalem I will not rest until the JUST ONE comes forth as Brightness, and her SAVIOUR be lighted as a Lamp.—Isaias, lxii, 11.

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Our New Year's Message to Lamp Army Soldiers

What better watchword could we adopt for the year of grace, 1928, than the cry that is now echoing around the world from leal-hearted disciples of the Saviour of Mankind. "LONG LIVE AND REIGN CHRIST THE KING."

Thy Kingdom come, O God!
  Thy reign, O Christ, begin!
Break with Thine iron rod
  The tyrannies of sin!

Where is Thy reign of peace,
  And purity, and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
  As in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
  That war shall be no more,
Oppression, lust and crime,
  Shall flee Thy face before?

We pray Thee, Lord, arise
  And come in Thy great might;
Revive our longing eyes,
  Which languish for Thy sight.

O'er heathen lands afar
  Thick darkness broodeth yet;
Arise, O morning Star,
  Arise, and never set.

The Seat of Anti-Christ

For ten years past the Editor of THE LAMP has repeatedly affirmed that the CENTER OF THE REIGN OF ANTICHRIST ON EARTH WAS MOSCOW; and instead of witnessing the breaking to pieces of the vast kingdom which "the Man of Sin" as St. Paul calls him, set up in Russia and Siberia on the ruins of the Imperial House of Romanoff we have had the mortification and the sorrow of witnessing the ramifications of Satanic Sovietism spreading both East and West. The Red propaganda during the past two years has brought disaster and chaos and a succession of Red Revolutions far and wide throughout the vast Provinces of China and it has firmly established itself on our Western hemisphere, taking full and complete possession in the name of ANTICHRIST the country south of United States; standing as a terrible menace at the very threshold of our own highly prosperous and richly favored America, the mightiest and most civilized Republic in all Christendom today.

Carthage Must Be Destroyed

Knowing that Carthage, the hereditary enemy of Rome, still lifted her head in pride on the other side of the Mediterranean from the Queen City on the Tiber, Cato in the Roman Senate neve rceased to cry out, "Carthago delenda est—*Carthage must be destroyed.*" His warning did not fall on deaf ears and not long after Carthage was destroyed. While our fellow-Americans, and even the Catholic Faithful, continue to contemplate the near approach of Satan's visible kingdom on earth with indifference, as though the United States of America was too secure in her prosperity and supremacy among the nations to ever fall a victim to Bolshevism, the Editor of THE LAMP will keep crying out, BOLSHEVISM MUST BE DESTROYED. It threatens today the very foundations of Christian civilization and more particularly, Christ's Visible Kingdom among men, the Catholic Church.

Let Us Awake Out of Sleep.

Catholics in the United States should be aroused before it is too late to defend ourselves and our holy religion from the most disastrous political propaganda that Lucifer has ever launched against the Church of Jesus Christ since the Roman eagle gave place to the Cross of Christ as the standard borne by the Roman *legionaires.* We should not sleep supinely on the assumption that because the Government of the United States until now has stood as a bulwark in defense of religious liberty and by just and equitable laws has given exactly the same protection to the vested rights of the Catholic Church that have been bestowed upon every other civil or religious organization in America that, therefore, this happy state of affairs is going to last forever.

Not alone is the Ku Klux Klan carrying on its propaganda to outlaw Catholics and bring force to

bear if necessary to compel the hierarchy to foreswear their allegiance to the Vicar of Christ, on the ground that he is a foreign potentate, alien to American institutions, but very much more to be feared is the propagation of Bolshevic Socialism among the masses of our great cities as Nihilism and other radical doctrines were propagated in Moscow and St. Petersburgh prior to the World War. The mark of the beast is everywhere revealed by the missionaries of international Sovietism. Wherever they have grasped the reins of government they have introduced into the Twentieth Century the anti-Christian persecutions of the pagan Roman Emperors and have out-Neroed Nero in their thirst for blood and inhuman cruelty. A leopard never changes his spots and a red revolution in America would inevitably reproduce in the United States the same unspeakable crimes and outrages against the disciples of Christ and the Catholic Church which have already actually taken place in Russia and Mexico.

We Wrestle Not Against Flesh and Blood But Against Lucifer

It has been vociferously asserted that we Americans are too enlightened for any such thing to happen in our own free country. True enough, perhaps, were our superior intelligence pitted against human ignorance, or the social dregs of other nations imported to our shores, but Bolshevism is in reality the manifestation among men of Lucifer himself; the intelligence we have to cope with is one far more keen than our own and richer in experience by many thousand years. The astounding triumphs already achieved by Sovietism can be explained in no other way than by attributing it to the "Prince of this World," who has been powerful enough to carry on a battle for supremacy with Almighty God's Incarnate Son during 1900 years and so has he deceived the nations that the majority of the human race even now choose to accept the reign of his representatives in preference to Him Whom the Jews crucified, after they definitely rejected Him as their King, making answer to Pilate, the Roman governor, "WE WILL HAVE NO OTHER KING BUT CAESAR."

Not a Jeremiah

The Editor of THE LAMP does not wish to write himself down as a Jeremiah; on the contrary we are full of confidence in the ultimate triumph of the Catholic Church over Bolshevism as it has been repeatedly triumphant during the centuries past over every assault which the Gates of Hell has made against her; but as Calvary preceded the Resurrection Triumph of Christ Our Lord, repeatedly down through the centuries the Church has been crucified first and victorious afterwards. Just now we see this process working itself out in Mexico. Is it necessary for the Catholic Church in the United States likewise to be crucified at the instigation of the arch-enemy of Jesus Christ before it can enjoy its Easter triumph. *We hope not.* If American Catholics will themselves crucify the old man of sin in our own flesh and putting on the whole armour of God will with one heart and soul resist the devil by prayer, sacrifice and holy living we can yet drive back this latest assault of Satan, not only preserving our Catholic institutions from fire and sword in our own beloved country but we will be able to accomplish more than that—we will carry on a victorious crusade in support of our fellow Catholics in Mexico until the Red Rule in the land of the Aztecs has been cast into the Gulf of Mexico and all North America made a Gibraltar of impregnable defense against the assaults of Hell.

If we can accomplish the discomfiture of Satanic Sovietism on this western continent we will prepare the way for the conquest of Asia, Africa and all the pagan world mainly through the apostolic labors of American Catholic missionaries.

Will not our LAMP Army, as we stand on the threshold of the New Year, consecrate themselves unanimously to do courageous battle for the universal reign of Christ and the utter discomfiture of the Satanic hosts battling under the Red Banner of Sovietism?

FORMER HEAD OF CATHOLIC CLUB PASSES

Former Supreme Court Justice of New York for 35 years, Leonard A. Giegerich, who died on December 20th, was born in Bavaria but came with his parents to this country when he was one year old. He was educated in public and parochial schools, La Salle Academy and later received honorary degrees from Manhattan and St. Francis Xavier Colleges; he was also associated with Fordham and many clubs including The Catholic Club of which he was President for a time.

On page 11 of this issue will be found our Prize Contest drive for Fifty Thousand new subscribers. Read it.

OBSERVE WELL THE CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

When this issue of THE LAMP reaches our Readers we will be on the threshold of the Church Unity Octave which this year will be celebrated for the twenty-first time from the Feast of the Chair of Peter at Rome to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25th. Indications are that it will be more widely observed throughout the whole world than ever before. The total of Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Vicars Apostolic, Superior Generals of Religious Orders and Rectors of Colleges at Rome who have signed the petition to the Holy Father to make the Church Unity Octave Universal are now over 900 and we hope in the near future to announce to our readers that a grand total of One Thousand subscriptions have been obtained. THIS MEANS THAT A BIG MAJORITY OF BISHOPS OF THE WORLD HAVE SIGNED THE PETITION. We earnestly entreat our LAMP readers to pray faithfully for the intentions of the Novena during the Octave this year and receive Holy Communion as often as possible if not daily. That all Readers may have in your possession the form of prayer to be recited together with the special Intention for each day, we are printing the same below.

We hope in succeeding numbers of THE LAMP to tell the story of how the Octave was observed in every part of the world. No doubt it will make interesting reading for those who love the peace of Jerusalem and long to see the reign of Christ, the King, completely established over the entire earth.

To Be Recited Daily During Octave

Antiphon. That they all may be One, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.—St. John xvii: 21.

V. I say unto thee, that thou art Peter;
R. And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ who saidst unto Thine Apostles; Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy will, Who livest and reignest God forever and ever, Amen.

N. B.—It is also recommended that one decade of the Rosary (at least) be said for the particular intention of each day; also that Holy Communion be received as often as possible during the Octave, *daily* if possible, *certainly* on the Sunday within the Octave.

The Daily Intentions

Jan. 18. *Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome.* The return of all the "other sheep" to the one Fold of St. Peter, the One Shepherd.

Jan. 19. The Return of all Oriental Separatists to Communion with the Apostolic See.

Jan. 20. The submission of all Anglicans to the authority of the Vicar of Christ.

Jan. 21. That the Lutherans and all other Protestants of Continental Europe may find their way "Back to Holy Church."

Jan. 22. That Christians in America may become one in communion with the Chair of St. Peter.

Jan. 23. The return to the Sacraments of lapsed Catholics.

Jan. 24. The conversion of the Jews.

Jan. 25. *Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.* The Missionary conquest of the world for Christ.

Note—A Plenary Indulgence has been granted by the Holy Father to every one of the Faithful who on the First or Last day of the Octave shall receive Holy Communion under the usual conditions. The Octave extends from the Feast of St. Peter's Chair, Jan. 18th to that of the Conversion of St. Paul, Jan. 25th.

That All May Be One

BY CLARA DOUGLAS SHEERAN

The Shepherd looked about the fold,
The sheep and lambs were safe from cold
And wintry air.

The lambkins felt His fond caress,
And loved Him for His gentleness
And watchful care.

He sighed and looked far through the night,
For other sheep, His own by right
Who were not there.

"O, Father, bring them home to Me,
One Fold, one Shepherd let there be,
O, hear My prayer."

MULTUM IN PARVO

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A Member of the C. P. A. and a Subscriber to the N. C. W. C. News Service, Washington, D. C.

It is difficult to judge all the facts from a newspaper account of events, but it would seem that the Amalgamated Association of Labor Unions are contending for the fundamental and democratic right to organize, in their fight against the I. R. T. and the right of a judge to make a law, instead of simply interpret a law already made. If we are a democracy and value personal or collective rights the time has come when we must contend for them or let them slip.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Out of a welter of assertions and contradictions made as the Senate investigation of the now famous Hearst documents on Mexico got under way, two certain facts—and seemingly only two—emerged. They were: First, that the anti-Catholic and pro-Klan oratory on Mexico delivered throughout the country last summer by Senator Heflin of Alabama was, on his own sworn testimony, not given away for purely "patriotic" reasons, but was paid for in fees given Senator Heflin by Protestant organizations. Second, that Arturo M. Elias, half-brother of President Calles of Mexico and Mexican Consul General and financial agent in New York, on his own sworn admission given despite previous denials, has been acting as a director of Mexican propaganda in this country and paying Mexican defenders of Calles' policies for speaking tours in the United States.

Paris, Dec. 12.—By a recent order of the Paris municipal government, a statue of St. Genevieve, the patroness of Paris, will guard the newest bridge across the Seine to the island of the Cite, where now stands the Cathedral of Notre Dame, just as the Saint herself is said to have guarded the same island from the Huns in the year 451, when it held only the tiny ancient settlement of Lutetia.

Jerusalem, Dec. 12.—The Moslem World is groping in the dark. Since the Turkish dictator abolished the Caliphate, the center of all its social life, it has tried many times to set up a common rule, especially for its religious destiny. But all the efforts failed. Congresses, the press, politics and races—all have been exploited in a vain attempt to give a spiritual front to the different countries of Islam. The factors tending towards separation are stronger than the reactionary campaign of official counservatism, led by the ulemas. Thus the Moslem World is adrift—constantly assimilating that Western civilization which it curses emphatically.

Elaborate ceremonies marked the celebration last month of the centenary of the foundation of the Carmelite church in Whitefriar Street, Dublin. The present church of the Carmelites there was solemnly consecrated by the Most Reverend Dr. Murray, then Archbishop of Dublin, one hundred years ago. The church was built upon the site of the original Carmelite foundation in Dublin, which dated from 1278, and which was confiscated by King Henry VIII in 1539.

> Both in honor of St. Dominic, to whom the institution of the Holy Rosary is attributed, and to quicken the devotion of the faithful, Pope Pius XI has granted a Plenary Indulgence (toties quoties) to any of the faithful who say one-third (five decades) of the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament whether exposed or residing in the Tabernacle. This grant dates back to the Eucharistic Congress of 1927 held in St. Dominic's own city, but only now has it been universally promulgated.

The rapid progress of Christianity in the Little Sunda Islands Mission is recorded in the report of the Rt. Rev. A. J. A. Verstraelen, recently received. According to the report 20,135 baptisms were administered within a year, and there were 1,357,420 Communions in the same period. The frequent reception of the sacraments shows that the fervor of the Christians is steadily increasing. The present Catholic population of this mission is 118,347. The 20,000 who were added last year is a sign that the South Sea Islanders are well disposed toward the Faith. At present 42,919 natives are being instructed.

Half a million Mexican Catholics, many of whom had come hundreds of miles afoot, made on December 12th the pilgrimage to Villa de Guadalupe, near Mexico City, to pay honor to the Virgin. Through the Church of Our Lady the thousands passed, chanting Hail Marys and carrying lighted candles past the shrine of the Virgin. Thousands of hill Indians on this holiday, consecrated as a national feast day in honor of the Blessed Virgin, made their devotions in

the church and then in nearby fields engaged in festivities illustrating dances and customs of their forefathers. Suspension of all services as a result of the conflict between the state and the church made little difference this year, as it did last, in the size of the crowd or the religious character of the proceedings. The pilgrims came from every state in Mexico and represented every class of society.

Cardinal Bourne said Mass at Westminster Cathedral in December for Catholic writers, and afterwards addressed them, to the number of fifty, in the adjoining St. Peter's hall. The occasion, the first of its kind, was an informal meeting of Catholics engaged in authorship and journalism to discuss the desirability of their closer union. It was decided that the matter does not call for the starting of a new society, and future meetings will be left to the "loose organization" which carried out the initial gathering so successfully. Writers, some of them world-famous, travelled from many parts of London to attend and receive Communion at the Cardinal's Mass.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—Frenzied with indignation over the destruction by fire of two children's homes within forty-eight hours, all Quebec was on the verge of a riot, following the blaze that laid in ashes the six-story building occupied by the Jean Berchmans Boarding House for Boys and the St. Louis Academy, as firemen were still clearing the ruins of the Hospice St. Charles orphanage for girls, where thirty or more little lives were lost two nights before. Wild scenes were enacted by the excited populace after they had watched Sister Victoire, a nurse in the academy, who had been trapped on the fourth floor, jump ninety feet to a net with a sick boy in her arms, and more than 140 half-dressed youngsters rush from the burning building into the Arctic storm that was sweeping the city. It was all the police could do to calm their over-wrought nerves.

Distribution of the official record of the Twenty-eighth Eucharistic Congress held in Chicago, June 20-24, 1926, has began and already a great many copies of the historic volume have been purchased by Catholics in different parts of the United States. It is expected that the record will find a wide sale also in Canada, Europe and Latin America.

Seventeen Catholic girls, Salt Lake's first Catholic group, were enrolled as Girl Scouts by Miss Olga Carlson, local director, as master of ceremonies. At the ceremony of investure following the organization of the unit the girls pledged themselves to do their duty to God, country and each other.

According to a report made at the annual congress of the national Catholic federation of athletic societies, one hundred and forty new Catholic athletic clubs or societies have been organized during the past year in France, bringing the total for the country up to 2,200.

Rio Piedras, Porto Rico, Dec. 18.—President Coolidge has been invited by the students of St. Augustine's Military Academy, here to visit Porto Rico. Five hundred thousand school children will unite with them in the petition to the President. St. Augustine's Military Academy, an institution under American management, is leading this movement in cooperation with *El Mundo*, the leading daily of Porto Rico. Governor Towner has also been petitioned to ask Mr. Coolidge to visit Porto Rico by way of Cuba, or Cuba by way of Porto Rico.

During the recent visit to France of Msgr. Rakowski, Archbishop of Poznan, a congress was held in Douai under the auspices of the Union of Polish Catholic Societies in France, whose officers and members are recruited largely from the mining communities of northern France. This is the fourth Polish Catholic congress to be held in France this year, the others having been in Lyons, Meaux and Metz. Among the 600,000 Polish laborers now in France, a Catholic mission work organization under the leadership of Abbe Szymbor, a Salesian Father, comprises a total of forty-six other Polish priests.

The Federal Radio Commission announced at Washington on Dec. 15th that it has decided to issue to the Independent Publishing Company, publishers of *The Fellowship Forum*, a 60-day licence to operate radio broadcasting station WTFF, which is being erected in Fairfax County, Virginia, near Mount Vernon. The station will operate on a 202.6 meter wave length, with a frequency of 1480 kilocycles and a maximum power of 10,000 watts. The Commission made it plain, however, that it reached this decision only after representatives of the publishing company had assured the Commissioners that the programs to be broadcasted will be "dignified, enlightening and instructive" and not anti-Catholic propaganda, as they had promised in *The Fellowship Forum* when appealing for money with which to set up the station. Station WTFF will be required to adhere to these assurances in order to secure a renewal of its license after 60 days.

FIFTEEN WOMEN IN MEXICO CITY ARRESTED AND JAILED FOR CONDUCTING CATHOLIC WORSHIP IN A PRIVATE HOUSE

According to a recent Associate Press despatch fifteen Catholic women conducting religious services in a private residence in San Angel, a Mexico City suburb, were arrested by police. They were charged with violation of the religious laws. The police closed and sealed the doors of the residence. The women were reported to be nuns.

PERSONALS

Miss Jane Evelyn Cusack, daughter of the late advertising magnate of that name, has entered the Novitiate of the Dominican Order at Sinsinnawa, Wisconsin.

Richard Linn Edsall, himself a Harvard graduate and son of Dean David L. Edsall of Harvard, has joined the Order of the Holy Ghost in charge of the Apostolic College at Cornwallis Heights, Pa.

Before his recent departure for the United States, Dr. James Brown Scott, of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, in Washington, and American delegate to the second Hague Conference, made a special visit to the Monastery of San Esteban at Salamanca in order to pay respectful tribute to the memory of a simple Dominican Friar, Francisco de Vitoria, who was buried there in 1566, and who, in the words of the famous American jurist, "is recognized today as the founder of modern International Law."

Paul Claudel, the French Ambassador to the United States, was elected to honorary membership in the Particular Council to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at a meeting lately held. The Ambassador made a brief address of acceptance and told the meeting that relations between France and the United States were never more friendly than they are at the present time. M. Claudel was an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in France, belonging to the Council whose activities center in the Notre Dame Cathedral.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The members of St. Anthony's parish of this city, which borders on the campus of the Catholic University of America, joined last night in honoring Joseph Rodler, president of the parish conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, who for 50 years has been actively engaged in the work of that charitable body. Mr. Rodler is 73 years old.

His Beatitude Msgr. Moghabghab, Greek Catholic Patriarch, was in Jerusalem in December, having traveled by automobile from Beirut, resting on the way at Haifa where he was the guest of Msgr. Hajjar, the united Greek Archbishop of Galilee, for luncheon. On entering the Holy City, His Beatitude was received by many clergy and laity of all Catholic rites. The reception was attended also by several representatives of various dissident Oriental Churches.

Father Bede Jarrett in a Newcastle lecture on "Communism in the Middle Ages" denied that Communism is the way of Christ or the way of nature. "To the medieval Catholic Communism was an ideal realizable only in a world free from sin—an ideal that ended in Eden. So that between it and us stands an angel with a flaming sword. Communism is possible, for the religious orders aim at achieving it; but possible only when it is voluntary, lived by men disciplined under vowed obedience and sustained by the fulness of sacramental and monastic life."

England's oldest Bishop, Msgr. Richard Lacy, of Middlesborough, received a presentation from the clergy and laity of his diocese when on December 21 he completed 60 years in the priesthood. Three days before, he celebrated the forty-eighth anniversary of his consecration. Msgr. Lacy was born in Ireland 86 years ago. Though he now has a Coadjutor Bishop, he still takes an active part in the management of the diocese.

Luke Hasegawa, the young Catholic Japanese who recently painted a portrait of Pius XI subsequently presented to His Holiness by the Catholics of Japan as a token of gratitude for the honors shown the first Japanese prelate, Bishop Januarius Hayasaka, was a pupil at the Brothers of Mary Middle School. While at that school he visited the Trappist Monastery in Hokkaido and became deeply impressed with the Christian ideal. He was baptized a Catholic and for some time even thought of becoming a Trappist himself.

Four new Bishops for the United States have been appointed by His Holiness Pope Pius XI. They are: The Rev. John M. McNamara, pastor of St. Gabriel's parish in Washington, D. C., to be Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore; The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas C. O'Reilly, pastor of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at Cleveland, to be Bishop of Scranton; The Rev. Edward J. Kelly, Chancellor of the Diocese of Baker City, to be Bishop of Boise; The Rev. Francis Johannes, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in St. Joseph, Mo., to be Bishop Coadjutor of Leavenworth.

With Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts and the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, Congregationalist minister, and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, both of New York, the principal speakers, religious and social tolerance was discussed in Baltimore, Dec. 12th, at a banquet held under joint Catholic, Protestant and Jewish auspices at the Southern Hotel. Rabbi Wise said: "I came here tonight because I felt that this gathering stood for something more than toleration; to tolerate means simply to endure." Dr. Wise continued, "First we hated, then we tolerated, now we hope we are coming to understand one another, and then, we hope, will come cooperation."

THE FIVE NEW CARDINALS

The following new Cardinals were created:

Alexis Henry Lepicier, a Servite, who will remain in Rome as Cardinal of Curia, replacing Cardinal Billot; Raymond M. Rouleau, belonging to the Order of Preachers, now Archbishop of Quebec; Pedro Segura y Saenz, Archbishop of Burgos, who is simultaneously appointed Archbishop of Toledo and Primate of Spain; Henry Charles Joseph Binet, Archbishop of Besancon, and Justinian Szeroedyl, belonging to the Benedictine Order, who has been living in Rome for many years but was this morning appointed Archbishop of Gran, Esztergom, thus becoming Primate of Hungary.

The announcement had a special interest owing to the fact that three of the five Cardinals created by the Pontiff belong to religious orders.

Graymoor Annals.

Thursday, December 15th, the Octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception was the 29th Anniversary of the coming to Graymoor of the Mother Foundress of the Sisters of the Atonement. The celebration this year was somewhat more elaborate than in preceding years. The Friars, Novices, Tertiaries and Students from the Mountain together with the Sisters, Novices, Postulants and Tertiary Sisters and the Guests of Our Lady's Hostel assembled in the Sisters' Hall at 2 o'clock. The first part of the afternoon program was assigned to the Novices under the direction of the Novice Master, Father Anselm, S.A. It can best be described as a musical drama in celebration of Founder's Day. When the curtains were drawn back the Recreation Room at St. Joseph's Novitiate was revealed. The Novices were in the act of making the scenery in preparation for the entertainment they were SUPPOSED to give on the Mother's Foundation Day. While they worked they conversed; one of the Clerics was asked by another Cleric to tell a new postulant who had arrived a few days before the story of Foundation Day which he proceeded to do giving a sketch of the principal events in the Reverend Mother's life leading up to her coming to Graymoor and the description concluded with the cheerless and cold reception, in its physical aspects, which the Mother of the Children of the Atonement received when she arrived in Graymoor Valley mantled with snow on December 15, 1898, only to find the door of the Dimond house locked and no one to give her welcome.

Brother Andrew's narration being ended Brother Bernard persuaded Francis, the new Postulant, broom in hand for he had been sweeping up the shavings and other litter on the floor, to serve as his substitute in singing a song that had been assigned to him on the program. Francis assented and straightway sang very charmingly Mother Machree. At this point the Brother Prefect announced that the Novice Master wished them to take a walk down the Mountain and to visit the house where the Mother and her first companions lodged before the erection of their present Convent, the Novice Master's idea being that they would thereby more fully imbibe the spirit of Foundation Day in preparation for the entertainment on the morrow. The next scene showed in the background of the stage the Dimond House, the porch in front of it served as a platform where the Novices in practice for the morrow's program sang a fine plain song setting of the Magnificat and other Latin hymns appropriate to the Christmas Season while Brother Adunatus made a speech suitable for Foundation Day, paying a tribute to our Reverend Mother which was long and enthusiastically applauded.

The Sisters' Group of Buildings in 1927. In the corner we see the church in 1899 with the Convent to the right.

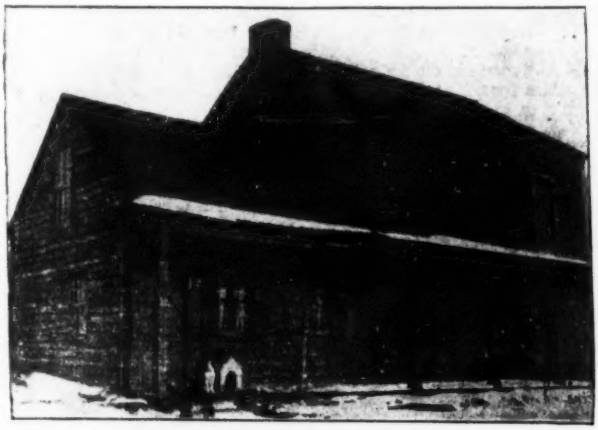
The second part of the program was given by the Students of St. John's Atonement College under the direction of Father Gabriel, S.A., rector of the college.

It, too, was dramatic in character, being a one-act by Mr. Chamberlain entitled "The Reveller". The scene represented was the courtyard in front of the Bishop's Palace in Assisi, the hour, midnight. Two guards are on duty; they hear singing of a reveller in the distance and then are surprised to hear issuing from a window of the room in the Bishop's palace, where the Poor Man of Assisi is supposed to be dying, St. Francis' "Song of the Creatures". It was hard for the guards to reconcile the death of a Saint with a duet between himself and a passing troubadour. In the wee hours of the morning a procession passes out of the Bishop's house into the street; it is comprised of a band of Franciscan Friars in their brown habits and sandalled feet bearing St. Francis on a stretcher, carrying him down at his own request to die at the Portiuncula in the valley below. On the way St. Francis encounters the reveller, calls upon him to sing again with him, captivates him for Christ, throws around him his brown mantle and the procession passes on its way.

All the characters were appropriately costumed and the whole effect was very fine.

The interval between the Novices' part and the Students' was agreeably employed by the audience in partaking of the refreshments provided for the occasion, ice cream, cake and coffee.

But this matinee performance did not complete the celebration of the day. At 8 o'clock in the evening the same audience assembled in the Sisters' Hall to hear a beautiful lecture on Christ the King, by Father James E. Kearney, Senior Assistant of St. Cecilia's Church, New York City, splendidly illustrated by lantern slides. It made a perfect ending to a happy day inaugurating the 30th year of Mother Lurana's life at Graymoor.



The Dimond House as it appeared in 1898.

Since that wintry day 29 years ago wonderful changes and developments have taken place in the Graymoor Valley which was then regarded as a sort of wilderness. We illustrate the Annals by a picture of the community group of buildings now occupied by our Sisters clustering around what we call the Graymoor Portiuncula, the three-quarters of an acre of ground on which stands the original Church of Saint John and the Convent close by it. We are also reproducing the Dimond House where the Mother Foundress spent the first ten months of her life at Graymoor with but one or two companions. Her Community now numbers over one hundred including Postulants, Novices and Tertiary Sisters in residence at Graymoor. Twelve branch houses have been established besides the Mother House as stated in last month's LAMP.

About a month ago ground was broken for a large addition to Our Lady's Hostel. Rock-drilling and excavation work is now being pushed and it is hoped to have the addition ready for occupancy next summer. As the Sisters will have to go heavily in debt to push this addition through in so short a time they would tremendously appreciate any gifts sent to aid them by LAMP Readers.

GRAYMOOR BURSES

Sacred Heart Burse No. 2 is within **$300.00** *of the full sum required to pass forward into the list of* COMPLETED BURSES. *We stated last month that Saint Anthony and Brother Philip Self-Denial Burses were getting into close proximity "with the prospect of Brother Philip overtaking St. Anthony's Burse No. 2." Clients of St. Anthony, however, have bestirred themselves in the meantime with the result that the two Burses have continued neck and neck the only difference between them in this report being 16 cents in favor of Saint Anthony. Holy Spirit Burse has slightly reduced the lead over it of the Little Flower Burse. All the Burses have remained stationary in their relative positions except that Our Lady of Perpetual Help has changed places with Our Lady of Lourdes, going up one rung, and the Blessed Sacrament has stepped in ahead of the Precious Blood Burse. There is a noticeable increase of devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus and we venture to prophecy that the Burse in honor of St. Jude and his companion St. Simon will be climbing the ladder in the near future. Another Burse that is growing in favor is St. Christopher.*

COMPLETED BURSES

Sacred Heart, St. Peter, St. Francis, St. Anthony, St. Agnes, Our Lady of La Salette, Poor Souls No. 1, Poor Souls No. 2 and John Reid.

UNCOMPLETED BURSES

(1) Sacred Heart No. 2: Miss M. R. B., $1; Mrs. A. E. D., $1; E. J. C., $1; Mrs. M. K. D., $1; Mrs. J. A. L., $1.50; Mrs. J. D. C., 50c; E. C., $2; Miss S. A. B., $5; Mrs. C. O'C., $1; Mrs. M. Q., $2; Mrs. W. P., $1; Mrs. M. McS., $1; Mrs. J. U. S., $1; M. R. S., $2; J. A. H., $2; Miss E. O., $1.65;

C. R. K., $1; Mrs. E. M. H., $1; Mrs. J. McD., $2.50. Total, $4,704.65.

(2) St. George: Total, $4,004.00.

(3) Little Flower: Miss M. R. B., $1; M. McD., $2; Mrs. K., $1; Mrs. J. J. H., $1; M. T. H., $1; Miss S. A. B., $5; C. R. K., $1. Total, $3,406.94.

(4) Holy Spirit: E. A. Courtney, Cold Spring, $5; Jos. P. Monihan, Newburgh, $20; Hudson Valley K. of C. Chapter Members, $15; Charles S. Rupp, Newburgh, $1; William A. Smith, Newburgh, $1. Total, $3,271.36.

(5) St. Anthony No. 2: Miss M. R. B., $1; Mrs. M. M., $15; Mrs. B. C. H., 50c; Mrs. L. I., $25; Miss M. S., $4; Miss S. A. B., $5; Miss C., M. W., $1; C. R. K., $1; J. E. M., $6. Total, $2,886.48.

(6) Brother Philip Self-Denial: Miss P. S., $1; M. T. M., $4; Miss E. O'D., $10; Mrs. D. M., $2; A. Q., $1; Mrs. J. McC., $1; Mrs. P. J. S., $1; F. S., $5; Mrs. M., $2; Mrs. M. E. O'D., $1; Miss W. F., $2.50; M. T. M., $2; M. T. F., $4; Mrs. E. F. W., $1; Sr. St. G., $1; Mrs. W. B., $1; Miss M. J. $3. Total, $2,659.21.

(7) St. Francis Xavier: Total, $2,357.55.

(8) Our Lady of the Atonement: B. A. D., $1; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. C., $2; K. L. R., $1; Miss S. A. B., $5. Total, $2,162.35.

(9) St. Joseph: K. K., $1; Mrs. M. R., $1. Total, $1,271.20.

(10) St. Paul: Total, $1,128.05.

(11) Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Miss M. R. B., $1; F. S., $5; Miss M. M., $18; H. U. N., $5; C. R. K., $1. Total, $883.25.

(12) Our Lady of Lourdes: Total, $865.66.

(13) St. John the Baptist: Mrs. B. C. H., 50c; Mrs. J. F. P., $5; J. G., $5; E. M. B., $1. Total, $841.75.

(14) Sts. Simon and Jude: M. E. McD., 50c; Mr. J. S. G., $1; E. H. F., $1; J. K., $1; M. M., $2; Mrs. M. F. B., $1; L. M. W., $2; J. G. L., $1; E. M. F., $1; Mrs. E. M., $1; W. M. H. P., 65c; M. C., $1. Total, $823.17.

(15) Hope Burse: Miss H. J. A., $10. Total, $758.05.

(16)St. Rita: J. A. H., $2; Mrs. C. A. H., $1. Total, $734.38.

(17) St. Vincent: Total, $610.50.

(18) Pius X: Miss D. F. D., $10; E. H. F., $5. Total, $542.00.

(19) St. Ann: Mrs. W. H. F., $1; Mrs. T. A. B., $1. Total, $528.98.

(20) Immaculate Conception: A. J. J., $1; E. H. F., $5.75. Total, $499.00.

(21) St. Christopher: Mrs. C. M., $1; T. F. C., $2; R. J. C., $2.50; R. A. Z., $1; F. J. B., $3; C. F., $1; Mrs. J. C., $10; Mrs. T. A. B., $1; Mrs. B. C. H., $1. Total, $486.14.

(22) St. Patrick: E. H. F., $5.25; Mrs. J. R. K., $25. Total, $422.00.

(23) Father Drumgoole: Total, $376.00.

(24) Holy Face: C. R. K., $5. Total, $333.60.

(25) Our Lady of Victory: Miss A. M., $1.65. Total, $294.30.

(26) Sacred Shoulder of Our Lord: J. J. L., $1. Total, $289.00.

(27) Holy Souls: M. E. T., $2; Mrs. S. A. B., $5. Total, $267.85.

(28) St. Margaret Mary: P. H. M., 50c. Total, $213.45.

(29) Holy Child Jesus: Total, $192.23.

(30) St. William: Total, $191.00.

(31) St. Francis of Assisi: Mrs. T. S., $2; W. H. P., 65c; Mrs. J. McC., $1. Total, $168.25.

(32) Blessed Sacrament: Mrs. C. C., $5. Total, $161.00.

(33) Precious Blood: Total, $160.60.

(34) St. Boniface: Total, $142.00.

(35) Five Wounds: E. H. F., $1; C. R. K., $1. Total, $130.55.

(36) Holy Family: Mrs. W. P., $1; L. P., 50c. Total, $123.55.

(37) St. Nicholas: Total, $100.00.

(38) Sorrowful Mother: Mrs. M. R. B., $1; K. K., $1; Mrs. A. M., $1.65. Total, $96.25.

(39) St. Joan of Arc: Total, $72.50.

(40) Thy Kingdom Come: Total, $66.00.

(41) Holy Magi: Mrs. M. R., $1; H. T. M., $5; R. C. M., $25. Total, $43.00.

(42) Cardinal Bonzano: First Donation, $5.00.

A BURSE FOR CARDINAL BONZANO

A reader of THE LAMP residing in West Bend, Wisconsin, sends $5.00 to start a Burse in honor of Cardinal Bonzano. His Eminence Cardinal Bonzano endeared himself so much to the American people during the long period when he served the Church in this country in the high capacity of Apostolic Delegate and more recently drew all hearts to him as Papal Legate during the Eucharistic Congress in 1926 he surely must have thousands of friends and admirers among the Readers of THE LAMP and certainly the Graymoor Friars would be more than delighted to have a Burse in his memory for he was specially dear to us having been since 1925 Cardinal Protector of the Franciscan Order. Although it is not our custom to introduce a Burse on the published list in THE LAMP unless it has reached the sum of $50.00, we are glad to make an exception in this case feeling confident that the Cardinal Bonzano Burse will soon attain to a higher rank among the unfinished Burses.

BROTHER PHILIP HAS MANY GRATEFUL CLIENTS

Mrs. W. B. C.: *"I am sending five dollars for the John Reid Burse. I promised Brother Philip if we could, in some way, get two hundred dollars before the 5th of April, without borrowing it, I would give one dollar for his burse. We received four hundred dollars that we did not expect just a few days after I made the request."*

Vivian T., N. Y. C.: *"Enclosed find check for $1.00 for the Beatification of Brother Philip. I had read in* THE LAMP *the number of favors which had been obtained through his intercession, as I was in need of help in difficult school work so I prayed to him and promised a dollar and publication if my petition was granted. I received the necessary help and very promptly so if possible, please publish the favor."*

Mrs. J. W. M., Santa Monica, Calif.: *"Enclosed please find one dollar for a favor received through the intercession of Brother Philip. Please publish."*

Mrs. E. P., New Haven, Conn.: *"Enclosed please find money order for Brother Philip Burse. Having lost some money I prayed to the good brother to intercede for me do the Sacred Heart, and my prayers were answered and money found."*

A Student: *"Enclosed is a small sum which I promised for Brother Philip's Burse if I was successful in passing my examinations. My prayers were answered."*

RUNNING FAR BEYOND THE GOAL

When we prepared the report for Students Bread for the December Lamp $1,300.00 was required to reach the goal which we had set before us for 1927, namely $6,500.00 or 20 Scholarships. The prospect at the time for reaching that amount by the end of the year was apparently very slim. Nevertheless we wrote in our report: "Somehow we believe in the short time between now and December 31st the shortage will be eliminating and the prize for 20 Scholarships will go over the top." This prophecy has already been more than fulfilled. THE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE STUDENTS BREAD DURING NOVEMBER FAR SURPASSED ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS AS WILL BE SEEN IN THE TREASURER'S REPORT PRINTED BELOW. There was a gift of $1,500.00, a legacy for $500.00 and several other large amounts so that by the end of November a grand total of $7,501.53 was rolled up. Twenty-five Scholarships in all and the month of December yet to be heard from. This puts 1927 in a class by itself and 1928 will have to hustle to surpass it.

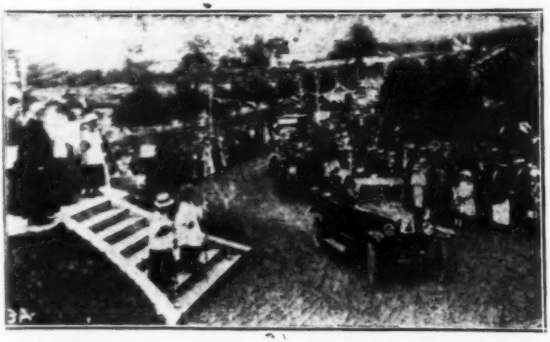
Contributors to Students' Bread During November

Personals received: $475.00; A. W. F. L. K., $25; Wisdom, $10.42; A. J. T., $1; N. K., $10; M. M. M., $1; D. A. L., $1; Mrs. C. McG., $2; W. J. A., $25; C. F. MacD., $5; J. J. D., $1; M. P., $2; H. F. $1; E. A. K., $25; J. W., $100; J. H. G., $1,500; N. M., $10; Est. of T. H., $100; E. N., $5; F. A., 75; Mrs. G. F., $1; Mrs. M. D., $1; Mrs. A. K., $5; M. McD., $2; J. P. D. M., $25; Rev. E. O'N., $2; O. T., $5; Mrs. A. L., $25; N. McC., $1; Mrs. G., $1; S. P. N., 74c; Mrs. M., $2; R. J. O'B., $5; M. F. McD., $25; Est. of C. G., $500; J. G. G., $125; V. S. W., M. A. R., $5; C. T. C., $1; F. T., $13.04; A. E. P., $1; A. ..., $1; K. O'L., $1; R. McC., $1; Mrs. M. E. B., $25; R. A., $5; J. A. M., $1; H. J. M., $4.50; E. J. D., $2; J. M. C., $1; D. C., $1; Rev. F. P., $5; A. M. S., $5; S. Z., $1; A. S., $5; Mrs. C. B., $140; L. M. M., $2. Grand Total to November 30, 1927, $7,501.53.

We asked some benefactor to give $500.00 for the St. Christopher's Chapel which is to be part of the new St. Christopher's Inn. This does not include the furnishings which will be extra. We gratefully acknowledge $10.00 for the purchase of the Missal. As stated in the December Lamp the altar will cost $125.00; six altar candlesticks, $50.00; altar crucifix, $25.00; vestment case for the Sacristy, $50.00 Statues of Our Lady of the Atonement and St. Joseph, $75.00 each; missal stand $15.00.

THE NEW ST. CHRISTOPHER'S INN MAKES PROGRESS

Next month we hope to give a picture of the new St. Christopher's Inn going up on the Mount of the Atonement. The Brothers Christopher themselves are erecting it. The carpenters, masons, plumbers and unskilled laborers are working upon it day by day. It will accommodate 40 men. The cost of construction is mounting up far in excess of the contributions and we ask our readers in the Name of our Blessed Lord and St. Christopher to see that when it is finished it will also be paid for. Will not some one contribute $500.00 for the erection of the rather handsome Chapel which we are erecting in connection with the building? We are sending an auto or pocket medal of Saint Christopher to every contributor who requests same in exchange for his gift.



Automobiles from all parts of world visit Shrine of St. Christopher, La Jajolet to be placed under the protection of the Patron Saint of Travelers.

ST. CHRISTOPHER OF LE JAJOLET

Near the well-known resort of Bagnoles - De - L'Orne, France, is an ancient Shrine of St. Christopher dating back to the Sixth Century when a small monastery was founded in this place. The Shrine bears the name of *Le Jajolet*. Many centuries ago this Shrine became a place of pilgrimage for travelers and affords practical evidence that the devotion to St. Christopher as the Patron of Travelers is not an invention of the 20th Century. Since fourteen hundred years ago the mode and methods of travel have undergone immense changes but Catholic travellers during all that long period have invoked St. Christopher even as they do today. The photograph we are publishing of the Shrine of Le Jajolet would suggest some special festival or gala day, but it only depicts a scene of weekly occurrence. Hundreds of automobiles and trucks from all parts of Europe tour hither to receive the blessing of the Cure against accidents and mishaps. The ceremony of blessing takes place regularly on Saturdays and Sundays; on the other days of the week the blessing of the cars is of more private nature with less pageantry and display than is shown in the picture.

If we were burning within with heavenly flames, we would not suffer from the cold without.—*St. Francis.*

Incline the ear of your heart, obey the voice of the Son of God—Keep his commandments with all your heart and follow his counsels with a perfect mind.—*St. Francis.*

Our Lamp Army Drive For Fifty Thousand New Subscribers

Next month's issue of The Lamp will be a Silver Jubilee Number and in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Lighting of The Lamp we have inaugurated a Drive to secure Fifty Thousand New Members of our Lamp Army and in order to encourage the Volunteer Workers upon whom we are mainly depending to secure this large number of New Recruits we have set aside as we announced last month a sum of $2,500.00 to be distributed in prizes among those Campaign Workers who secure the Largest Number of New Subscribers. The highest prize offered is $500.00: altogether 175 prizes will be distributed, the lowest ranging from $25.00 to $5.00. To make it especially easy for the campaigners and by way of inducement for New Recruits we are offering a Four-month Trial Subscription to The Lamp for the small sum of 25 cents. A Coupon for every 25c or five coupons for each full year ($1.) subscription will be sent to the worker, and these coupons are to be carefully preserved until the end of the Campaign when the Winners of the Prizes will be announced and the $2,500.00 distributed. When we made the first announcement about the Campaign in the November issue of The Lamp we said: "We want to have a list of first Promoters to publish in the December Lamp; but the names will have to reach the Editor's desk not later than November 20th." In redemption of this promise we are publishing those who made the First Returns. They did not, however, reach us in time for publication in the December Lamp.

Miss Mary Z. Hogan, Providence, R. I., four trial subscriptions; Miss M. A. Kernan, New York City, one Lamp renewal and four trial subscriptions, also at the same time subscribing to The Antidote; Miss Werra McMurtrie, Jersey City, N. J., sends eight 25-cent subscriptions to The Lamp; Miss Anna Grossi, New York City, four trial subscriptions; Dr. Grace A. Webb, Burlington, Vt., four one-dollar subscriptions, and at the same time four subscriptions to The Candle; Mrs. J. H. Hearns Phalon, Brooklyn, sends nine subscriptions for deceased members. Whenever this is done the one taking out the subscription in the name of a deceased relative or friend is entitled to receive The Lamp for the period of the subscription and at the same time the deceased members are enrolled in the Requiem Mass List published in The Lamp, sharing in the 30 Masses said after the manner of a Gregorian Set for all included in the list.

We are confident that the list of Promoters will soon become too numerous for us to give them this personal mention but we will continue to do so as long as space permits.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

from Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Baltimore, Washington and the South to

St. Anne de Beaupre

JULY 19-30, 1928

visiting Fr. Baker's Shrine, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Thousand Islands, Montreal (Brother Andre's Shrine of St. Joseph), Quebec, White Mountains, Portland, Me.; Boston and New York City.

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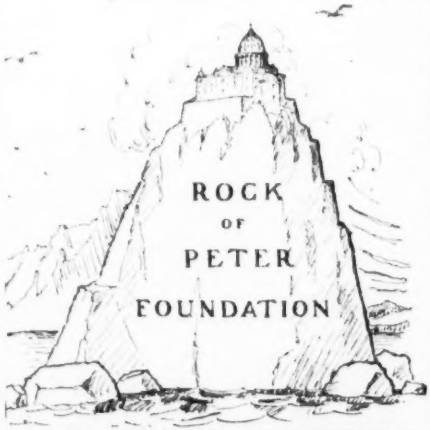
Build Up The Rock-of-Peter-Foundation

The Rock-of-Peter-Foundation is making ENCOURAGING PROGRESS; in fact our most sanguine expectations have been more than realized. From time to time during the past ten years the Editor of THE LAMP appealed to the soldiers of our LAMP Army to establish a MILLION DOLLAR FUND for the erection of missionary churches and schools and for the Propagation of the Faith at home and abroad. We called it originally the CHURCH AND SCHOOL BUILDING FUND. One-half of the million was to be used as loans to Missionary Bishops *without interest* for the erection of churches and schools, the other half was to be invested and the income derived therefrom was to be used to aid the missionaries. A few thousands were collected but only enough to serve as a nest-egg.

Then came the happy thought to establish in the place of the "Church and School Building Fund"—THE ROCK-OF-PETER-FOUNDATION. You have read much in the daily press concerning the immense sums contributed by John D. Rockefeller for Protestant missionary propaganda, for charity, science and philanthropy. The ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION suggested the ROCK-OF-PETER FOUNDATION and on that solid rock, against which the gates of hell will never prevail, we are now building an Endowment Fund which we are confident will not stop at a single million but may some day rival in its financial dimensions the Rockefeller Fund. During the Holy Year, 1925, the Editor of THE LAMP led a pilgrimage to Rome and in a private audience with the Holy Father, kneeling before the Vicar of Christ we presented our ROCK-OF-PETER-FOUNDATION prospectus and asked Pope Pius XI to bless it. Twice he made the Sign of the Cross over the manuscript and on our return to America the first $15,000.00 was given to it in the form of an Annuity Contract the interest from the securities to go to the donor during her lifetime the PRINCIPAL SUM to belong to the Rock-of-Peter-Foundation after her death. *That was a good start.* Many of our LAMP Readers have followed the example set by this Graymoor Benefactress and the number of Annuity Contracts issued by the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost* is constantly and steadily on the increase. 1927 doubled the record of 1926 and in the same geometrical progression we hope that 1928 will again double 1927. We are always ready to supply fuller information to any Readers of THE LAMP interested in the building up of the ROCK-OF-PETER-FOUNDATION and will answer all questions concerning the rate of interest paid to those who invest in ROCK-OF-PETER ANNUITIES.

OUTRIGHT GIFTS TO THE FUND ARE PARTICULARLY SOLICITED

These go straightway into the Principal of the Foundation and the interest earned is immediately available for the missionary purposes of the Foundation. We are also peculiarly grateful to those who in drawing up their Will remember the ROCK-OF-PETER-FOUNDATION. These should word their bequest as follows: *"I Give, Devise and Bequeath to the Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost, Inc., Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y., the sum of $..... to be applied to the Rock-of-Peter-Foundation."*



SOLID AND SAFE AS GIBRALTAR

Another very practical way of helping the Foundation is to take out Annuity Bonds at 4 or 5 per cent, being content with the same rate of interest Savings Banks or Liberty Bonds pay.

For example, the original benefactress mentioned above insisted in receiving by way of an annuity no more than five per cent. A brother and sister recently invested $8,000.00 in annuity contracts with the stipulation that five per cent was to be paid not to themselves but for the Propagation of the Faith with a proviso should anything happen to them and if they needed the income they would ask for it.

While mentioning these exceptions the Board of Directors of the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost* wish it to be understood that they most willingly pay the scheduled rates to investors and particularly to those who have only a small sum to invest and are dependent upon the income for their daily support. One of the thoughts of the directors is to make the Rock-of-Peter-Foundation not alone a benefit for the missionaries and a charity to those in need or the sick but during their lifetime to provide a BETTER INCOME for the Annuitants than they ordinarily wouldl receive by any safe investment of their money.

ROCK-OF-PETER FUND FOR THE RANSOM OF CHINESE BABIES

Recently we received from a good woman in Boston the following inquiry:

"Some time ago I read in The Lamp about a working woman starting a Chinese Baby Fund to ransom a baby annually. Please, Reverend Father, will you tell me how much I should send to you for the interest on the amount to ransom a baby every year."

One Hundred Dollars with interest at five per cent pays annually $5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. It has now been some time since any mention in THE LAMP has been made of this Fund which at present amounts to five thousand dollars. We hope that many will take this method of securing the purchase of at least one pagan infant every twelve months. Address *Rock-of-Peter Foundation* and state purpose of the contribution. The $100.00 when more convenient can be contributed according to the installment plan.

A DOMINICAN MISSIONARY WHO NEEDS HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Last Spring there called at Graymoor a Dominican missionary from the Grenadine Islands in the British West Indies. These Islands are inhabited by Catholic Negroes and Father Henry D. Blencowe, O.P., a graduate of an English University and a convert from the Anglican Church is the sole priest living among them. He rarely sees a white man and while ministering to his flock of colored sheep he is almost as much alone as St. John the Baptist in the desert.

Church to serve a congregation of 300. Only 50 can get inside, and they must sit upon the ground.

Preparing lunch. Campbell's soups are food and drink where there is little of either.

The poverty of his Mission is illustrated by the church, a picture of which we are giving together with the Father himself cooking his solitary meal. Each illustration bears the title provided by Father Blencowe. Please read his letter recently received and we are sure our generous readers will either send him some alms to feed his famine stricken people or contribute towards a worthier House of God.

Father Henry's Letter

Dear Father Paul:

I must first say I am the Dominican Missionary from the West Indies who came to see you in March. I returned to my islands in May only to be up against more difficulties than I had anticipated. My "Locum Tenens" had not been able to face the hardships and had left the main island several times and had not visited the other four at all so there was an arrears of Baptisms and other sacraments. Next, the drought has been severer than has been known in the history of the present generation. No corn crop at all and people perishing for water, hence my building operations held up. The rains are coming so I am going to start in order to give the poor people employment. You told me at the time of my Graymoor visit that you would help me. I shall be glad to know what you can do for me as the Archbishop will not allow me to commence before I am sure of my funds. As we have to face famine for the next nine months I shall be grateful if you can put me upon your alms list.

Yours sincerely in St. Dominic,

Catholic Mission Fr. Henry D. Blencowe, O.P.
Carriacon, Grenadines, B. W. I.

INVEST MORE HEAVILY IN NANGINA STOCK

Our readers will note from the report printed below that the total contributions for the Nangina Mission during November amounted to $49.00 whereas the total for October was 158.00, a little over three times as much. It is really pathetic to read how grateful Father Coenen is for these small monthly donations. We cannot too strongly impress upon our readers the SUPERLATIVE QUALITY of the Nangina Mission measured in the costliest and most precious commodity in God's Universe, i.e., Immortal Souls! We do not call it a *gilt-edged* investment, but a DIAMOND Investment.

Every soul saved is worth in the Bank of Heaven more than a Billion Dollars and it is our humble opinion that more souls can be saved by investing in *Nangina Bonds* than in any other soul-winning prospect in the foreign mission field. No less a sage than King Solomon declared: "HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE." Let such be our wisdom, following in the footsteps of John Reid, the Perfect Observer of U.N.B.L. principles. Our possession of money on earth is transitory and fleeting; the eternal treasures are beyond the grave. *Invest more heavily in Nangina stock!* It is richer far than the world famous diamonds of Golconda.

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO NANGINA MISSION

Previously reported, $882.70. S. B., $2; W. C., $5; Mrs. C., $2; J. F. B., $4; C. F., $3; Mrs. P. D. G., $1; C. J. S., $5; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McS., $1; Rev. J. A. C., $25; M. J. S., $1. Total for November, $49. Grand Total, $931.70.

MISSION WORK AT PORTIUNCULA CONVENT IN NATAL

Portiuncula has a beautiful situation on the shore of the blue Indian Ocean where numbers of white seagulls, after having satisfied their appetite, seem to find pleasure in being carried hither and thither by the gentle foaming waves. It is only a small branch of Assisi in Africa where the cradle of the native Sisters of St. Francis stands. Our convent is a little old cottage with a tar roof. One of its small rooms is, also, the residence of our dear Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Two white Sisters and four native postulants are stationed here in the midst of the lowest caste of Indians. They are mostly Mohammedans or people worshipping Hindu gods. Their dwelling houses are generally miserable huts made of rusty pieces of iron and tin, and not seldom look like pigsties from outside. Inside, however, the picture of an ugly Hindu god has a place of honor decorated with the nicest flowers and from time to time even an oil lamp is burning. Some months ago a boy asked me for a picture of our God, and I gave him a small image of the Sacred Heart. When again visiting his home I had a close look around the walls of the room to see whether I could detect the picture, and to my surprise it was placed in a nice big frame, but there were pasted around it all sorts of other small pictures and it was hung opposite the image of the idol. At the sight of it, the question rose in my mind: "How long will the Lord suffer this idol in His presence?"

Bishop Fleischer in midst of Natal Novitiate.

It is very difficult to convert these people, but a start is made already, as about forty children are now coming to our school. Religious instruction is the first of the school subjects and every child takes his or her part. Yes, and all the yellow-brown hands fold themselves for prayer before and after school.

The natives live a little farther inland and trips are made to distant kraals nearly every week in spite of the burning hot sun here on the coast. Two of our postulants gave lately a heroic example of mission zeal. Five times they made a journey of nine hours to an old sick heathen in order to be able to baptize him before death. He listened to the instruction, however of baptism he did not like to hear anything and simply said that he wanted to go where his forefathers are. We prayed hard and hoped still that our dear Lord would give us this soul. At the fifth time, quite certain of the victory, they again filled the bottle with holy water and started on their journey. They found the patient still alive, but skin and bones only, and the legs were full of sores. Even this time Heaven itself seemed not able to change his mind. The down-hearted postulants sprinkled the holy water about the place and with heavy hearts commenced their way home again. After a few days we heard that the man had died. He had seemed to reject God's grace, but who knows the ways of the Lord? Some hours before he died he called out after the amakosasana (the native Sisters) to come with the holy water and make him a child of God, yet they could not be reached, as the distance was too great. As he did not cease to ask for holy water, the other pagans obtained some from a Christian who lived not very far off and simply poured it over the dying man. If our dear Lord did accept it for baptism, it is His secret. However, our prayer and sacrifices will not be in vain.

At another place a boy who had already received some instruction in religion got

dangerously ill and when he saw that his end was approaching and nobody was there to make him a child of God, he took water and baptized himself. The all-merciful God will surely not have refused Heaven to this child-like faith.

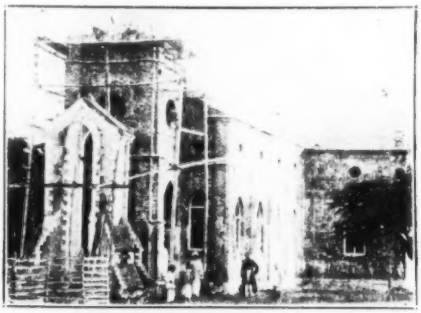
Besides giving instructions, we have attended many sick people at home and abroad. Owing to our poverty, we have only a very small supply of medicines and these are mostly common home remedies.

Mother M. Aemiliana, C.P.S.,
Portiuncula Convent, P. O. Park Synie,
South C. L. Natal, South Africa.

MYSORE NEEDS HELP TO COMPLETE CHURCH

Reverend and dear Father:

I beg to endorse herewith a small photograph of my new chapel in honor of St. Joseph. In the March issue of the year 1925, you published my appeal in The Lamp. Through the help I received from the generous clients of St. Joseph from far and near I have been able to push on with my work thus far. I have yet to do the plastering, flooring and build an altar without which I can't reserve the Blessed Sacrament the only friend of the lonely missionaries. The work that is before me will cost over one thousand dollars



The Uncompleted Church at Mysore

($1,000.) So once again I appeal to the clients of St. Joseph to help me to finish the work begun in honor of St. Joseph in a place which is a stronghold of paganism.

After completing the chapel, I must start at once a school for children, both Catholic and pagan. Without a school it is impossible to exercise any influence over the pagans. Catholic schools are the only channels to approach the non-Catholics and instil in them the seed of Catholic faith. Already Protestants have established a school and a number of non-Catholic children are influenced by them. Recently I approached the highest government authority of the district whom I found very well disposed and who promised to help me in case I start a school. So I appeal to my generous Catholic brethren in America to help me with the means to establish a Catholic school in this non-Catholic country.

I attach also a note of recommendation written to me by my Bishop in connection with my chapel or church building. I always remember in my prayers and at Mass all my kind helpers. Yours respectfully,

(Rev.) W. M. Texeira.

St. Joseph's Church, Chickmagalur, Mysore State, India.

CONDENSED APPEALS

Father John Je'my, D. C., Thevera Mission, Ernakulam, India, begs for benefactors for four students entering his "Little Seminary," the cost is only $50.00 each annually. His "Seminary" is at present a temporary shed, thatched with cocoanut leaves. There is no chapel, and the students and people of the vicinity must hear Mass and have the Sacraments administered in this poor place. Who will help provide for this great need?

Sister M. Joseph, Little Flower Convent, Palleport, Parur, South India, writes: "We are unable to complete the building of our elementary and industrial school. In a few months the monsoon rains will begin and if the building is not ready before that time, it will suffer much. May I, therefore, beg your Reverence to make my want known.

Father G. Pierret, S.J., writes: "I am a poor Belgian Father in charge of more than 10,000 Christians in the wilds of India. Until now, thanks to the help from Belgium, I could just manage to keep up the work, but now it is far different, alas! There are many villages without the modest mud hut, which as a rule serves as a sanctuary for the Sunday gathering and school house. And what is more painful, there are several villages without even a catechist to teach the rudiments of our holy religion. So we are unable to answer the call of thousands of souls we could bring into Christ's Fold if we had catechists to look after them.

In these circumstances, it seems to me that to remain silent would be to betray the cause of Our Lord. Please help me."

Reverend J. S. Vaz, Catholic Educational Institute, Tardeo, Bombay, India, earnestly begs for Mass intentions in support of Catechists.

Reverend P. T. James, O.M.I., Nanaddan, Muricnkan, Ceylon, appeals, with his Bishop's warm approval, for help in building several greatly needed little churches and schools. The former can be built for $800.00, the latter for $300.00. The people will gladly give their labor. They are very poor, as they have to borrow money to plow their paddy fields, where the rice is produced to supply them with food. This mission is in the real jungle.

Sister Josephina, Little Theresa's Orphanage, Punnathura, Ettumanoor, P. O., Travancore, South India, begs for help to complete their little orphanage and to pay the debts which amount to $500, which are worrying these good Sisters greatly. She says: "Our aim is to board helpless orphans and bring them up to our Faith. We, also, look after the disabled members of the Society. A great part of our time is being spent on attention to the sick. Now we have got half a dozen forsaken orphans in our orphanage. How we support them and ourselves, is a question of vital importance. Most of the Catholics here are poor and so we do not get any financial help from them. Therefore, may I not humbly appeal to you and request you to render us all possible help and we most earnestly pray to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Who said, 'Inasmuch as you did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me,' to bless your zeal and sacrifice and to reward you abundantly here and in the next."

Many souls would be lost forever, if the religious life did not serve as a bulwark for them. *—St. Francis.*

A Plea on Behalf of the Vineyard

As stated in the December Lamp, the Friars of the Atonement are under contract to the firm who printed the Christmas Cards to pay their very large bill this month. At the time of writing the returns for the Christmas Cards make it very doubtful that we will be able to meet the payments without request for an extension of time. Our readers all know that at "The Vineyard" are seventeen of our young men who are pursuing their studies for the Priesthood and that every year this number will be increased. They also know that the sale of Christmas Cards was designed as a BENEFIT to support these young men in their studies and to help us pay the debt that still rests a lien upon the property. All those who make returns for the box of Cards sent them are contributing towards the success of the Benefit, whereas, those who do NOT make returns take away at least the cost of the cards from the maintenance of the Atonement Seminary of the Holy Ghost. No Reader of The Lamp would, we are sure, willingly do this, and, therefore, it is with the GREATER CONFIDENCE we make the request of all those who have not yet sent a dollar in exchange for the cards they received TO POST THEIR OFFERING WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. We are most anxious to cover the entire cost as quickly as possible, then every dollar which is paid for cards after that will be one hundred cents for "The Vineyard." HOW WONDERFUL IT WILL BE IF EVERY ONE NOT YET HEARD FROM PAYS FOR THE CARDS! Then we will not only cover the living expenses of the Friars at Washington but we will have a goodly sum wherewith to reduce "The Vineyard" Debt.

FRIARS AT THE VINEYARD

The picture on this page was taken on September 17th, the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, 1925, when the Atonement Seminary of the Holy Ghost, Washington, D. C., was dedicated. It is to be noted that there were seven Friars in the group the one in the center being the Father Founder of the Society of the Atonement. The Seminarians at Washington including Father Leo, S.A., the head of the seminary, and one lay Brother now number nineteen. In order to provide for the incoming class from Graymoor next September the present building will have to be enlarged and operations to that end will begin shortly; another powerful reason why everyone receiving Christmas Cards should make returns at an early date.

HAVE YOU HELPED?

Perhaps you have; perhaps you have not. Anyway, this news article shows us what contributions to the missions help to effect.

Msgr. Roche, bishop of Tuticorin, one of the native prelates of India, sketching the situation of the Church there in a letter to Missions Catholiques, says that there are 50,000 conversions a year.

The Catholic population of India, Burma, and Ceylon is 3,242,100 souls, and there are now 10 archdioceses, 29 dioceses, 3 vicariates and 2 apostolic prefectures, he adds.

The Catholic clergy numbers 3,444 priests, 2,777 of whom are secular and 1,167 religious. About 2,000 are natives. There are 16 missionary congregations of priests and 13 teaching congregations, among the latter the Irish congregation, the Brothers of St. Patrick.

The 50,000 conversions a year could be doubled or tripled, according to Msgr Roche if there were more priests.

TO CHEER FATHER COENEN

M. S., Flushing, Long Island, N. Y.: *"I have just read Father Coenen's letter in* THE LAMP. *I feel so sorry for him. Here is what I was thinking. I have a petition here I would like to enter in your Novena to Brother Philip. If this request is answered before December first I am going to send $50.00 to the V. N. B. L. to forward to dear Father Coenen. I wish I could do more. I feel very sorry for him and for all the priests in those distant lands that have such hardships. But God is good. Father, if only our prayers are heard before it gets too cold here I'll surely send the much needed money."*

January Novena to the Little Flower

The Novena to the Little Flower for January will begin on Sunday the 22nd and end on Monday the 30th. The Christmas Novena to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus proved a popular one. We hope the Clients of the Little Flower will send in their petitions right away so as to make a good start for the New Year.

ENROLLMENT IN THE UNIVERSAL LEGION OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

The Graymoor Friars are very desirous of banding together our Little Flower Benefactors in an Association that will last long after the Little Flower Memorial Building is completed and paid for and to that end we invite those who have not yet done so to join our Graymoor Branch of *"The Universal Legion of the Little Flower"* established by Brother Stanislaus of the Child Jesus, a Carmelite Tertiary. We promised the Little Flower about two years ago to make an earnest effort to enroll a hundred thousand in this Universal Legion which has members all over the world If all the contributors towards her Memorial on the Mount of the Atonement joined the Legion we would fulfil our promise completely. We have several thousands to start with and we invite the other contributors to send in their names for enrollment. We also ask for Promoters. We have issued a leaflet giving particulars which can be had on application.

Membership dues *including* THE LAMP *for twelve months is one dollar.*

The Little Flower's Vision of the Child Jesus

THANKSGIVINGS TO THE LITTLE FLOWER FOR HER INTERCESSION

C. L. B., New York City: *"Kindly publish both these favors for which I had promised publication. My brother was offered a very wonderful position with another firm at a very fine salary but in spite of the fine salary he was very undecided about accepting the offer. We made a Novena to our Little Flower to direct him. Three months passed and he said nothing further so we considered the matter closed when one day he was again called in conference by this firm and asked to consider the proposition again. They offered him one-half as much again as his present yearly salary plus a two-year contract. He was still undecided so the family at once got busy and again sought our Little Friend. On the seventh day of our second Novena his own firm made him a very attractive offer which he immediately accepted and we all know it was the Little Flower guiding him that lead him to his final decision."* 2nd favor: *"My mother developed an infection in her leg which promised to be of long duration due to her advanced years, but thanks to the Little Flower not only did the leg heal but she is able to get about as well as ever."*

H. S., New York City: *"I would be pleased if you would have it put in your magazine that my husband was not a Catholic and we were not married in the Church but thanks to the Little Flower we were married in the Catholic Church last March and my husband turned Catholic and has very great faith in the Little Flower."*

Mrs. L. L., Bronx, N. Y.: *"I wrote you the day of the Novena and asked to be among those prayed for, also sending a petition. After three*

doctors advised an operation I entered St. Luke's hospital in New York City to be operated upon Tuesday. But the head doctor advised against an operation on Tuesday morning and only to have radium treatment. All praise to St. Therese of the Holy Face, the Little Flower of Jesus. Having placed myself in her confidence and trust I am home again with my family and children only at the hospital 24 hours. The Little Flower has never failed me. Permit me to remark I am also a convert. My husband is a convert too."

Mrs. C., New Albany, Pa.: *"I am sending enclosed offering for Little Flower Memorial as promised in thanksgiving. Our little boy was in ill health continually, until one day I thought of invoking the aid of the Little Flower. Almost immediately he improved and is now robust and happy."*

Mrs. H. J. M.: *"I have a relic of the Little Flower and use it for the many needs of a growing family, especially in sicknesses which recur frequently. I have been broken down in health for the past five or six years and call upon the Little Flower, when I feel her help imperative. I have just had three abscessed teeth extracted, which worried me because of my physical condition and everything is going along successfully, thanks to our dear Little Friend. A suspicious swelling of my little boy's lip accompanied by a temperature. I referred to her recently and he was better in a day or so. The other boy had a swelling of the eye and a bad abscess at the same time for which Little Therese was called upon and I am sure, responded as she always does. A neighbor's bird was unaccountably wounded and seemed suffering from some strain, as its little head was drawn pitifully back upon its shoulder. I applied the relic, feeling her love of all of God's creatures would not fail here and next day the little bird was back on his perch singing as well as ever. A friend had trouble with her leg—swelling painfully and incapacitating her and she found relief shortly. Wherever there is need I always use my precious relic and have always been certain of the Little Flower's help which has never failed me yet."*

GRATITUDE OF MOTHERS TO THE LITTLE FLOWER

"I will give you as brief a history of this case as possible. I wanted my son to enter the railway mail service but his chances for appointment were very slim so I had you folks make a Novena to the Little Flower some time last winter. This time he was unsuccessful, still I did not give up. Had you make another Novena in August, he received his appointment right after the Novena."

As explained in her letter the reason he did not receive his appointment in February was due to a rupture. His mother states that he never underwent an operation nor treatment, but he has fully overcome the same without any operation. She enclosed letter from the Assistant Manager confirmatory of her statement. When he was examined by a doctor he was found to be without any defects in August.

Mrs. J. H. B., Ashland, Pa.: *"Enclosed find check in thanksgiving for the following favor: my small daughter was taken ill while at a summer resort the day before we were to leave for home. I promised publication and a donation if she would be able to travel in the morning. Thanks to St. Theresa she was better and able to play after we reached home."*

LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIAL APPROACHING COMPLETION

Great progress was made during the month of December in the construction of the Little Flower Memorial. A special effort was made to have the Hall sufficiently advanced to enable us to celebrate the traditional *Gaudeamus* for all those on the Mountain in the New Auditorium on Christmas Night and the Friars were not disappointed in this regard. The present month will witness the completion of the Hall and the Friars' Cells above it so that we hope to announce next month that it is occupied. There is much still to be done before the College wing is finished and we intend to take that along more slowly giving our own carpenters and masons a share in the work of construction. This will mean a great saving owing to the high wages paid to union labor and at the same time give the Brothers Christopher employment during the long winter months.

We are sure the Lovers of the Little Flower who have contributed towards the Memorial would be be delighted with it if they were here to go through the building. WE ASK OUR CAMPAIGN WORKERS TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS UNABATED. Some of the heaviest financial payments have yet to be made to the contractors and we are already deeply in debt so the Friars are most anxious not to add to the burden we are already carrying upon our shoulders.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIAL

Previously reported, $78,202.00. Received from Nov. 15th to December 7, 1927, $3,885.58. Grand Total, $82,087.58.

Deadly Menace of Neglected Colds

THEY LEAD TO PNEUMONIA OR SERIOUS THROAT TROUBLES

Doctors know that a great many serious troubles and fatal cases of pneumonia develop from neglected colds so common at this season. Treat your cold promptly with **Father John's Medicine** which gives new strength to ward off disease because it is pure and wholesome nourishment for those who are weakened and rundown. Remember that Father John's Medicine is free from alcohol or dangerous drugs and therefore is a safe family medicine, fine for children as well as older people. In use for more than 70 years.

Your druggist can get Father John's Medicine for you or you can order it direct from Father John's Medicine Company, Lowell, Mass.

Reunion Work in the Catholic Near East

NEEDS OF THE MONKS OF REUNION

A letter from the Very Reverend Prior, Dom Ildephonse Dirks, O.S.B., Amay Priory, Amay, Belgium, says: "May some good and generous Catholics be inspired to help us, for we have need of so many things. Our chapel of the Eastern Rite is not yet finished, but it is the Latin chapel that is most poor; we are trying to furnish it. Everything, as we said, is needed, altar furniture, linens, vestments and Missal. Our benefactors shall be continually prayed for."

NOTE: As our Readers know, these Benedictine Monks were given by our Holy Father, the Pope, the special work of reconciling to the Holy See the Greek Orthodox. It is a tremendous work *Ut Omnes Unum Sint* and we hope that this appeal for their chapel will be well received and effective. We, however, think it much better to send offerings of money for the purpose, for the tariff duties are so high.

REUNION WORK OF THE FATHERS OF THE ASSUMPTION IN ROUMANIA

BY PAR LOUIS BARRAL, *Superior*

PART II

Now what is the actual work of the Assumptionist Missionary of the Union?

1. To aid, in close collaboration with the Roumanian Clergy in strengthening the United Church.

(a) By the recruiting of priests. Is it not in the little seminaries where vocations to the Priesthood are born, nourished and developed? The day when each diocese will have its little seminary, in a country so deeply Christian, will show a magnificent levy of vocations.

(b) By the creation of active religious orders which will instill in the people the high ideals of the perfect life adapted to the modern need of souls under the law of God. The regular clergy, in effect, is represented only in Catholic Roumania by five Basilians distributed among several monasteries, and the Bishops count on the existing younger congregations to endow the United Church with ardent and active groups of workers.

(c) Finally the Missionary must enter into the most amicable relations with the Orthodox Religious in the spirit of Him Who was "meek and humble of heart," and, as far as possible, he must spread the "Review of the Union of the Churches."

It is in this spirit that the Assumption has taken its place among the Roumanian Clergy. Here are the lines which Monsignor Valere Traian Frentiu, Bishop Oradea-Mare has deigned to write to us in blessing our work in December, 1926: "Called by us, in 1924, in our diocese where we have given them a canonical residence, the Fathers of the Assumption, in friendly collaboration with our clergy, have already established a seminary under the name of *Christ the King* for the recruiting of vocations to the priesthood and the education of these young aspirants to the clerical life. Upon our pressing invitation and our assurance that God will bless a work so necessary in our country of Roumania for the *Union of the Churches*, they have decided to work for souls desirous of perfection in the Novitiate of the Roumanian Rite established at Beius." Monsignor Nicolescu de Lugoj, in blessing our project, also added this word: "It is a good work which has in view solely the glory of God and the welfare of souls."

2. *Change of Rite.* Faithful to their method of adapting themselves to conditions the better to work for the Union of Churches, the Missionaries have laid aside the Latin Rite and have taken the Byzantine Rite of the Roumanian language, since such a course has seemed best in the country to which they have been brought by Divine Providence.

Already seven are rejoicing in this change in the spirit of St. Paul. Two others are preparing to imitate them. After a few weeks of study of the language, which is strictly necessary, the Fathers are permitted to begin their work, and to render services to those immediately around them by the distribution of the Sacraments to the thousands of young students among whom the confidence of the Bishop has placed them.

3. *Establishment of Little Seminaries.* Some months after their arrival at Beius (a little town, but important because of the number of secondary schools found there), the Fathers of the Assumption, already officially in charge of a boarding school for poor students, resolved once more to confide to Divine Providence the care of twenty poor boys who gave manifest signs of a priestly vocation; to give to them the opportunity for a moderate education, sufficient to attain to their object and to provide the United Church with some good United priests.

These twenty were the beginning of many little brothers; but alas, these many good children have many needs. Another very great sorrow is that we have not room enough. The house is far too small to accommodate all these young students. It is the dream of our life to enlarge the house, but our resources are entirely inadequate and funds cannot be procured in these mountainous regions where the people have always been poor and now find themselves entirely impoverished as a result of the war.

This, then is a most pressing appeal made by the Missionaries to the souls who are desirous of the success of the Union of the Churches. Here is the ideal in its concrete realization: The education of a number of priests of a Uniate Byzantine Rite who will work to bring about the reconciliation.

4. *The Novitiate of Santa Maria.* The idea has been formed of establishing, as soon as possible, a Novitiate of the Assumptionists of this Roumanian Rite. Already candidates for the religious life are presenting themselves; some to be lay brothers, others students, or even young priests as choir brothers who

for a long time have fervently desired to follow the call of God but could find no way of realizing their desire. In the meantime, until this dream is realized, souls of good faith, pushed by the irresistible need of solitude, go to knock at the door of the Orthodox convents of the Vieux Royaume, where they are received. At present this is all, but a new credit is to be opened in the bank of Providence (our only account) and an old abandoned building is to be the first asylum of these souls for whom the Sermon on the Mount has taken on a meaning very precious.

Already a decade of postulants, choir novices and lay brothers, people the solitude of the Monastery "Sainte Marie." The purest Roumanian Rite is followed with such strictness that it takes a special dispensation from Rome to receive a Latin student. On the 20th of April, 1927, by a rescript of our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, the first Novitiate of a Uniate Roumanian, active, modern congregation was canonically erected at Beius. This is a date to be remembered by the United Church.

This is, also, a memorable date for those who are burdened with the responsibility of supplying the needs of these young people who trust in us: alumnists, novices, and missionaries. Without doubt, the good God who has never yet failed us, will raise up generous benefactors for the Union of the Churches in Roumania. Will you help to confirm this faith?

A spiritual crusade has been opened among the Churches which recognize Christ, for the work of the Union. Again, our Sovereign Pontiff has not ceased to appeal to the generosity of his subjects for this great cause, which is the sublime idea of his Pontificate, i.e., The Reunion of the Churches of the East and West.

And now to you, dear souls of good will, who ask how to share in this great Crusade, the answer is:

I. (a) Ask us to enroll you in the Archconfraternity of Our Lady of the Assumption, and (b) by joining the Reunion Crusade (Church Unity Octave) organized in the United States by Very Reverend Father Paul, S.A., Superior General of the Society of the Atonement at Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y.

II. By aiding, with your offering to supply the necessities of the young men in our little seminary and the Roumanian novitiate of the Assumption at Beius, Bihor, Roumania.

All alms will be received with gratitude at the following addresses:

Par Louis Barral, Superior,
Santa Maria,
Beius, Bihor, Roumania.

Make your bank check in the name of P. Barral upon the "Banque Commerciale Roumaine," Bucarest, Roumania, or

The Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost,
Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y.

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF ORIENTAL RITES

We have been much interested in articles on the Catholic Orientals which have appeared from time to time in *Pax* and in *Caldey Notes*, and the suggestion made in the last issue of the latter, which we are quoting below, seems to us in every way a most interesting and timely one:

"We have several times lately heard the suggestion that at least one church in every big centre of population should have a chapel so arranged that it could easily be adapted for the use of a priest of any eastern rite, *e. g.*, by having an altar clear of the east wall, an *iconastasis, diakonikon, prothesis, etc.* Such a chapel in Westminster Cathedral, for example, would be an impressive reminder of the catholicity of the Church."

If the body gratefully consents, in a manner, to take its sustenance, with what peace and contentment should not the soul receive the Bread of Life, which is God who gives himself freely to us in prayer.—*St. Francis.*

To All Catholic Parish Priests
To All Catholic High Schools, Academies, Colleges, Universities and Seminaries,
To All Catholic Men and Women of the Laity,

The Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada, extends a cordial invitation to become Life Members in the Association. The enrollment of five hundred Life Members automatically creates a permanent Fund of fifty thousand dollars, which will be known as the

Catholic Literary Awards Foundation, Incorporated

This Fund will be invested in sound securities, the interest and dividends from which will be distributed annually as Awards to the writers of the best poems, articles, editorials, short stories, etc., and to the authors of the best books in several classifications, poetry, juvenile, fiction, essays, historical, biographical, religious, etc.

Under the auspices of this Foundation, there will be held annually, Prize short story and essay contests, in which the students in Catholic High Schools, Colleges, etc., will be entrants.

The Life Membership Fee is one hundred dollars. This amount may be paid in full at the time of taking membership, or in ten consecutive instalments of ten dollars each. Checks, Money or Express Orders, should be made payable to the Catholic Press Association, P. O. Drawer 1130, Chicago, Ill. Please mention "The Lamp."

What is the Holy Childhood Association?

The Holy Childhood Association (of which the U. N. B. L. has a Branch) is a world-wide Society of Catholic children, whose object is the ransom, education and support of pagan children everywhere.

Dues for each member are twelve cents a year.

Infants and children of all ages are eligible, both living and dead.

Benefits of membership are many Masses, prayers and indulgences.

Send offerings and applications for membership to the Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost, Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y., or to Mrs. Helen Fletcher, Mena, Ark.

AUNT HELEN'S LETTER

Dear Members and Friends of the Holy Childhood:

At the beginning of last year, if you remember, Aunt Helen predicted 1927 would be a successful year for saving pagan babies, because seven rhymed with heaven. Inspired by this "good omen" the goal for the year was fixed at one thousand ransomed babies for 1927. As the January letter for the H. C. A. Dept. is written a month ahead of time, there are still more than two weeks in which our ambition may be realized—possibly. Aunt Helen for one is going to keep right on hoping and praying until midnight, Dec. 31st., 1927! Who knows? Some generous person may crown our hopes of twelve months with victory at the very last moment. But while we should hope for the best, always, we must not become discouraged if we fall a little short of the mark. If we have done the best we could, we have done well, acted nobly—angels could do no more, a famous poet tells us, and this quotation suggests a question which many of us woulld be ashamed to answer, i.e., "Have we done the best we could?" However, if we must confess our shortcomings, "in nineteen twenty-eight, it is not a bit too late," to make amends for what we left undone or put off until tomorrow in 1927.

While our first and chief aim in 1928 should continue to be increased membership in the Holy Childhood and the ransom of pagan babies, there is yet another charity, upon which depends in no small degree the success of our Missionaries. This is the adoption of Catechists. Our Missionaries assure us, without the Catechist they are almost helpless. He knows intimately the language, habits and characteristics of his race, which makes his cooperation invaluable. The salary of the Catechist is very small, in some countries as low as forty dollars a year. The salary can be paid to suit the convenience of the benefactor or benefactors. Think it over, dear Members and Friends of the Holy Childhood and resolve while the year is young, to do something along this line for some overburdened Missionary. The two letters from

Missionaries in India printed in the H. C. A. Dept this month deserve careful reading and if possible material aid. The money given to the Missions is simply a loan to Our Lord and He always returns it with interest even in this world. With all earnestness I urge the Members and Friends of the H. C. A. to start the New Year right by resolving to send an offering regularly —monthly if possible—to help our Missions generally, or any particular Mission in which you may be interested. So a Happy New Year! A blessed New Year To all! A year made beautiful and fruitful by the smile of the Blessed Mother and the Holy Child.

AUNT HELEN.

AUNT HELEN HEARS FROM TWO MISSIONARIES

Catholic Mission, Kanjoda.

My dear Mrs. Fletcher:

I wish you a happy Christmas and a bright New Year. All my converts and all the little children send you their Christmas and New Year greetings.

About the middle of July last a terrible cyclone swept over the district. Owing to heavy floods thousands of houses fell down and several villages near the Shedi river were simply washed off from the surface. Through fear and panic the people ran into the jungles and remained on the top of the trees. My catechist, Roger, with his family was one of them. All my mission schools have fallen down. At Kanjoda the catechist's quarters and the new school have been washed off from the foundation. The whole spot looks gloomy and desolate. The little chapel is now divided into two parts—the upper one serves as a school and the lower as a dormitory. On Sundays and feast days everything is to be removed outside. I have dug the foundations for the school, etc., without a penny in my hands. I am daily knocking at the door of the Divine Providence for help. I beg of you in the name of the Infant King of the mission to send at least the widow's mite. Rest assured our Lord will bless you. The Little Flower of Jesus will shower upon you the choicest roses from heaven.

This year I baptized more than 200 adults and children. The harvest is rich. I promise you plenty of souls in return. Nearly 1,000 children are reciting the holy Rosary daily. They are praying for you.

There is a lot of sickness now—fever, pneumonia, etc. I am constantly on my legs. I am tired. It is all for the glory of God. The inspection of the schools is just over. The report of the inspector is very good. I kindly request you to send me rosaries, medals, scapulars, etc., for free distribution among the children. The Protestants are distributing every sort of literature. I fight with them only with the aid of the Rosary.

I hope you are well. I am well and daily praying for you at the altar.

Wishing you every joy for Christmas and every blessing for the New Year,

Yours affectionately in Xto,

Jeromie Minezes
Salun Post, (via Nadiad.)
Kaira District, India.

ANOTHER FROM INDIA

Dear Madam:

I am working for the conversion of the pagans here. Those poor persons who are already converted are to be helped in every way. Three Catechists are to be paid. Moreover about 100 poor families will soon come to the true fold. But I will not be able to continue my work without a special help from generous persons. Therefore, dear Madam, help me to bring souls to our dear Lord. I even now gratefully remember the help which I received from you when I was at Hinpalakad and I pray for you and for the Holy Childhood Association.

I am,
Yours sincerely in the Sacred Heart,
Father Ginus of the Mother of Dolours,
G. I. C. D.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PURCHASE AND SUPPORT CHINESE BABIES, NOVEMBER, 1927.

Previously reported, $3,280.65. Annie E. Kelly, M. Wis., to buy Teresa Josephine, $5; M. Allen, N. Y. C., to buy William Andrew, $5; Rev. J. G. Mehler, Ohio, to buy Anthony, $5; C. C. Dolan, N. Y. C., to buy a baby, $5; C. M. Dillon, N. J., to buy John Aloysius, $5; C. M. Dillon, N. J., to buy Mary Teresa Antoinette, $5; Mrs. A. F. Hughes, Ind., to buy Mary Josephine, $5; M. Patriarche, Ont., to buy Mary Theresa, $5; Mrs. J. Lukawaty, Wis., to buy Joseph and Minnie, $10; Mrs. C. Kaliver, Ill., to buy Girard, $5; Mrs. C. Kaliver, Ill., to buy Anna, $5; M. C. Winter, N. Y., towards purchase of baby, $2; Mrs. W. J. Dinan, L. I., to buy Girard, $5; Mrs. E. P. Klaeyon, N. Y., for support of baby, $1; C. R. Kelly, N. Y. C., to buy Elizabeth D., $5; S. Brewster, N. Y., to buy Theresa, $5; L. Farrissey, W. N. Y., to buy Catherine, $5; M. J. Whiteman, N. Y., to buy Corrinne Mary, $5; M. Quinn, Ohio, to buy Theresa Antoinette, $5; Fr. J. G. Mehler, Ohio, to buy Theresa, $5; Mrs. H. C. Quartermass, Minn., to buy Antonio Cleopha, $5; Mrs. Becket, Ill., to buy Mary or if boy Anthony, $5; Mrs. M. Vance, Mont., to buy Rita Anthony, $5; Mrs. W. Ahmer, N. Y., to buy a baby, $5; Mrs. N. T. Larkin, L. I., to buy Robert, $5; C. Perry, N. Y., to buy Mary Austin, $5; Mrs. C. W. Sears, N. J., to buy a baby, and Anne, $10; L. J. Gallagher, Col., to buy Lawrence, $5; B. Courell, N. Y. C., to buy Theresa, $5; M. S. McPhillips, N. Y. C., to buy Michael Stephen, $5; M. M. Eutaler, W. Va., to buy Teresa, $5; A. M. Murphy, Mo., to buy Mary Anne, $5; J. F. McDermott, Mass., to buy Jude John, $5; B. Scheurer, Pa., to buy Barbara Teresa and Mary Teresa, $10; Mrs. M. Whalen, N. J., to buy Mary Teresa, $6; Mrs. L. R., Hurlbert, Pa., to buy Robert Arthur and Eleanor, $10; L. A. Brennan, N. Y. C., to buy Mary and Francis, $10; E. Nolan, Col., to buy Helen Beatrice, $5; Mrs. W. H. McFadden, Pa., to buy a baby, $5; A. Flynn, Cal., to buy Mary Theresa, $5. Total, $3,499.65.

LETTERS FROM PURCHASERS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE CHINESE BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. R., Texas: "*Myself and husband desire to become members of the Holy Childhood Association and each of us want to buy a Chinese baby. I want a girl to be named Mary Therese—the Little Flower of Jesus—and my husband wants a boy, to be named Thomas Anthony. Please secure these babies through Father Leo Ting, C.M., of Che-Kiang, China, whose letter was printed in* THE LAMP *of November, 1927, which we read with a great deal*

of interest. The babies will be our present to the Holy Child Jesus on His Birthday. We enclose $10.25 for dues and to ransom the two babies. We trust you will be kind enough to give this matter your prompt attention."

Mrs. P. C. P., Ontario: *"Enclosed please find five dollars in thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart for a great favor granted me some time ago. I promised to ransom a Chinese baby girl and would like to call her Mary Therese. I had prayed all June to our dear Sacred Heart, that some piece of property be sold and the very last day of the month my prayer was answered and the property sold for cash."*

Mrs. L. R. H., Pennsylvania: *"Am sending money order for $12.00; one dollar for cards and ten dollars for two Chinese babies, one to be named Robert Arthur, for my ten year old boy who saved money for the baby and the other to be named Eleanora. The other dollar for one year's dues for Robert Arthur and Mary Ellen, living and Harriet Virginia, dead. If grown-ups can be enrolled, enroll me also. If not the extra amount is a donation. Would like our intention remembered in your prayers for the conversion of my husband. One of the intentions that my boy would be allowed to attend a Catholic school was answered, thank God and you, dear Friars of the Atonement. He is now going to a Catholic boys' school and getting along splendidly."*

S. B., New York: *"Enclosed find five dollars for you to kindly send to China for me, as just this very morning a great favor was granted me through St. Teresa. I promised St. Teresa if I got my request I would send five dollars to buy a Chinese baby, to be named after her. I am so grateful for getting my request I am sending you the money asking you to send it to one of our Missionaries. Please publish this thanksgiving in* THE LAMP."

Mrs. M. V. V., Montana: *"Please find enclosed my check for five dollars to pay for the ransom of a Chinese baby to be named Rita Anthony, in honor of St. Rita and St. Anthony for a great favor received through their intercession. Please publish in* THE LAMP."

E. M. P., Mass.: *"Enclosed find check for ten dollars to fulfill two promises made for the recovery of two people. I wish to have this offering used for the adoption of two Chinese babies, one boy to be named David Edwin and one girl to be named Marie Anne. Please publish in* THE LAMP."

Mrs. M. C. E., Illinois: *"Enclosed please find ten dollars for two Chinese babies, a boy to be named Gerard and a baby girl to be named Maria Anna, after the Blessed Mother and St. Anne, for a favor granted. I will buy two more babies next year. Please publish. I am a life member of* THE LAMP."

Mrs. H. T., California: *"Enclosed please find five dollars for a Chinese girl to be named Mary Catherine. I am doing this in thanksgiving to the Little Flower who has heard my prayers and granted me many favors when I was in great financial distress."*

M. M. E.: *"Enclosed check for $5.00 for Chinese baby No. 2. Please name him Anthony. Pray for me."*

Mrs. W. G. S.: *"Inclosed herewith find money order for five dollars for Chinese baby—Matilda—in thanksgiving for protection during the summer months for one placed under the care of St. Theresa."*

M. K.: *"Will you please enroll me as a member of the Holy Childhood Association. Enclosed find twelve cents in stamps. Will you please send me a mite box."*

THE HEART OF A GIRL

By ALOYSIUS LORSUNG

Garcia placed the receiver back on its rack. She had just had a call from Jack. Jack wanted her to go to the show this afternoon. She got up and walked over to the davenport and dropped on it. She was sorry now that she had refused to go, but she thought she had a good excuse because she was going to church in spite of the fact that she was under no obligation to do so. It was Sunday afternoon and Mr. Severson would give a nice little talk and her God expected her to go to church once in a while.

Jack was a Catholic, of course. He went to church on Sunday too, but he went in the forenoon.

"I wish our minister would have his services in the forenoon too," she ejaculated.

"Are you ready, Daughter?" called her father.

"Yes, Dad, just a minute."

Soon an elderly man and a young girl wound their way into the open of the walk upon which the June sun was fuming its scorching rays mercilessly.

Garcia wore a white organdie dress with a flamer pinned to the sash and a gay colored scarf thrown about her neck. On her velvety fingers there was no ring, but soon there would be one. A vacant stare came into her eyes as she thought of it. "We are so different. What can ever bring us together?"

They arrived late for the sermon and as the door opened they heard the loud voice of Mr. Serverson barking at his audience. He was evidently warmed up and ready to go off.

"Church," the minister barked, "why doesn't someone come to church?" He paused a moment. Garcia looked about. She remembered when once she had gone to church with Jack his church was filled, people were standing for want of room and the Priest, so Jack called the man dressed in silks and laces, was not an eloquent orator.

They sat down. Garcia heard not the words of this eloquent speaker today. In her mind were ringing the words she had heard at St. Mary's Church that one Sunday with Jack. "This is My body," she remembered the priest had said. "Christ said that," he said.

Now she remembered the few words Jack had told her after that visit. "The Catholic Church has a link —something to tie it to God," he had said. "This link is our sacrifice offered every day from the rising of the sun even to the setting thereof."

When they approached their residence after the services Garcia's heart beat faster. No wonder for there on the curb she recognized Jack's or rather Jack's dad's car.

As the two came nearer a tall man stepped out. "Good afternoon," he greeted. "May I ask you to go riding with me, Garcia?"

Her answer was a dash for the wheel. Running the car was one of her late accomplishments due to her acquaintance with Jack. Jack perched himself on the cushion at her side.

"Where are we going?" she asked as the car sped away.

"Anywhere you wish—it's up to you!"

"I don't know if I have thought of any place. I

didn't expect you this afternoon, Jack."

The girl had the car running at full speed. She was going somewhere, but at present the somewhere was very indefinite.

Jack sat at her side fingering his gloves while he was trying to think how to say what he wanted to say this afternoon.

"What's the matter, Jack?" Garcia asked.

To Jack it seemed that an angel from heaven had come down to put that question into her mouth. "I am in love with you, Garcia," he said bluntly and in a matter of fact way.

The girl tried to laugh.

"I must have you," he stumbled. "I must," he mumbled, "but—"

"But what Jack?" she asked sweetly.

"You are a Protestant," he said. "I am a Catholic."

"Why should that matter?" she questioned, puzzled.

"It hurts, but I can't help saying such cases—mixed marriage—are never happy." The girl believed him. She loved him and put all her faith in him. Jack saw this and recognized his duty of informing her. "Christ instituted one Church," he said after much preliminary explanation. "This Church is the Catholic Church—the only one of Apostolic origin."

"Jack, I know you wouldn't say so if you didn't think so—tell me something about the sacrifice you told me of once. I thought of it all day."

The young man's heart grew lighter. "She is really in earnest," he thought. "The Sacrifice? Has God given her the grace to see?" He explained the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. He was capable of doing it for he had received his early education from Nuns and had taken a course in a Benedictine college and later at the university he had been Confirmed by the pious and learned Jesuits. "The Mass, our sacrifice, is the sacrifice on the Cross in an unbloody manner. When Christ, having given His Body and His Blood to His disciples, said 'Do this in commemoration of Me' He meant this—the Mass. Long ago many years before the coming of Christ it was said of the Mass that it would be celebrated from the rising until the setting of the sun and this has come to pass, for in every part of the world there are Priests celebrating Mass daily." So he went on explaining the Mass, the ceremonies, and also gave her a homemade definition of the Liturgy.

Garcia began to see. Slowly rays of heavenly grace penetrated the mind of the child whose ancestors had been forced to bear the badge of revolution since the memorable revolution. When they turned back she said that she would think about it a great deal. Her church had nothing to offer, she knew, and here—here was something wonderful and extraordinarily interesting.

As the car again approached the town Jack pulled from his pocket a badge—a badge of the League of the Sacred Heart. Garcia looked at it for a moment then asked what it meant. Jack explained that it represented Christ as a special abyss of love—it was to honor the seat of His infinite love and mercy, His Sacred Heart. "Now wear it and pray to Jesus to be enlightened—pray for Faith.

"I will, Jack," she answered as the car stopped before her home.

II.

About three months later, the early part of September as Jack was about to go back to school to finish his medical course Garcia surprised him.

"I have something to tell you, Jack—I am going to school too and so far away."

"School?" Jack asked puzzled.

"Yes, I am going to the academy conducted by the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration."

"Really?" he said. He did not know how to hide his surprise. He got up from his rocker a moment, sat down again, lit a cigarette, and dropped the match on the rug. "How come?" he finally asked after he regained his normal self-control.

"Chance, that's all. Dad does not object to my going there." She thought a moment and asked, "Do you know the place, Jack?"

"I do. It is a very good school. Make use of every opportunity."

"The Sister Directress said that I would receive private instructions there. I asked for them."

"Garcia dear, you have said the fatal word."

With these words he pulled from his vest pocket a small square box, fumbled it, opened it. Before him a bright stone glittered set in white gold. Slowly he took her hand. It was soft like velvet against his own. He placed it on her finger. "Till I put the other one there," he said kissing the ring on her finger. He took her other hand and lifted her from where she had been sitting, lifted her and placed a warm kiss on her lips.

That evening on the late train Jack left and a week later Garcia too was gone to the silent halls of the cloister to learn domestic science her father thought, but to learn to know how wonderful was the Catholic religion, to learn to know the Nuns, and at Christmas to be baptized in the Holy Catholic Church.

III.

Six weeks more passed. It was cold February. The wind piped at every corner. Garcia sat in the Catholic hospital of Omaha. She was nervous; she paged through papers, looked at her watch, then rocked herself furiously a minute. Presently a nurse appeared.

"All right, Miss Sonners, come along, the doctor said you could see him," she said.

Garcia followed eagerly. The nurse led into a room, a large white room with a bed and a cot. On the bed Garcia saw Jack. She ran ahead and fell on her knees at the bedside. Her head dropped. "Oh, God," she prayed, "do not take him. I need him." She could feel the bed shake beneath her. The heart—it must be running wild, the breath came sharp and fast; Jack was dying, Jack, all that she had left in this world—he would leave her. He was unconscious now, he would be gone—. Garcia could follow her thoughts no farther.

A soft hand touched her head and a mellow alto voice whispered into her ear, "Come on, Garcia dear, the priest is coming." Slowly her head raised. Her eyes dimmed with tears looked up into the eyes of the one who had called her. It was Jack's sister.

They fell into each others arms and cried. Had

Father Flannigan not arrived when he did two girls would have been nervous wrecks. They were crying and storming when the priest entered. He did his best to quiet them. Soon he had them praying the rosary.

Peacefully Jack passed away to his reward. He never again regained consciousness, but as he lay there dead his features portrayed a note of contentment.

After the funeral Garcia found herself strangely alone. She went back to the academy. She had tasted of the world. It had nothing to offer but sorrow. "Where shall I go?" she asked Jesus one evening as she knelt before the tabernacle of the chapel.

"Come to me, Garcia," a voice answered, "be my bride."

She knew Jesus had called. Deep love filled her heart.

"I will, Jesus—I will come—the Sacred Heart is my consolation in life and my refuge in death."

Years after she was no longer Garcia. She was permitted to keep the ring which Jack had given her —it was her only remembrance of him. She forgot the world as the world had forgotten her and as time passed on used every trial to bring her closer to the Sacred Heart until the day came when Jesus called her to come and take possession of the place prepared for her in heaven.

WIT AND HUMOR COLUMN

Returned With a Bouquet.—An author who recently submitted a manuscript to a firm of Chinese publishers received the following letter covering its return:

"We read your manuscript with boundless delight. By the sacred ashes of our ancestors we swear that we have never dipped into a book of such overwhelming mastery. If we were to publish this book it would be impossible in the future to issue any book of a lower standard.

"As it is unthinkable that within the next ten thousand years we shall find its equal, we are, to our great regret, compelled to return this too divine work and beg you a thousand times to forgive our action."—Siam Observer, (Bangkok.)

Betwixt and Between.—"Why don't you bob your hair?"

"I can't decide on the style," answered Miss Cayenne. "I don't know whether to have it look like a whisk broom or a feather duster."

The Catholic Citizen of Milwaukee tells of a business man who dictated the following to his stenographer: "You can use your own judgment in extending credit to Mr. Blank. With us, the sky is the limit." The dictating executive was not there to sign the letter when it was transcribed and it was sent out with a "Dictated but not read" note. The man who received the letter read: "You can use your own judgment in extending credit to Mr. Blank. With us, this guy is the limit."

SHALL MEXICAN FRANCISCANS DIE OUT?

In Mexico the Church is at present passing through the throes of one of the fiercest and most cruel persecutions in her history. Calles, the modern Nero, is making every effort to destroy her and her benevolent institutions. Most of the Bishops have been exiled; the priests are also banished or in hiding. Some bishops and priests, among them Franciscans of the Mexican Province of Michoacac of Mexico City, imbued with the heroism of the martyrs of the early ages, are still secretly ministering to the spiritual needs of the unfortunate Catholics of Mexico. They have been deprived of everything; penniless and dependent on the charity of loyal Catholics, they remain with them at the risk of their own lives. If they are discovered, it means imprisonment for them or a martyr's death.

Nobody doubts that in God's own time the Church will triumph as she ever has, and peace will again permit her to continue her work. But no one can foretell when this persecution will end. On account of the hardships to which the devoted priests have been exposed, many have died; others have been cruelly put to death. Among these there are no doubt a number of Franciscans. Since all seminaries and ecclesiastical institutions have been confiscated, there will be no one to take their place.

It is therefore imperative that steps be immediately taken to fill the depleted ranks of these militant apostles. For this purpose the Franciscans are about to erect a novitiate and house of studies in this country that their young men may be trained and educated for future work in distracted Mexico. They shall take the places of those who have given their lives for the faith.

In order to accomplish this purpose so essential for the interests of the Church in Mexico, the Franciscans, stripped of all they possessed, must appeal to the generosity of the Catholics of the United States. They do so because urgent need compels them. Within a short time they must purchase property for the institutions required. If the work of the Franciscans is to continue, an immediate response to this appeal is absolutely necessary. Catholics of this country, who enjoy freedom in the practice of their religious duties, will undoubtedly hasten to the aid of their unfortunate brethren in Mexico by generously assisting the Franciscan Fathers in making the necessary provisions for future religious labors in Mexico. The prayers and sufferings of those priestly heroes and devoted Catholics will undoubtedly secure for their benefactors God's blessings in abundant measure.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: *The foregoing appeal has been provided at our special request by a Franciscan Missionary to the Indians of New Mexico, who is thoroughly conversant with the situation. Take our word for it that help for this most important work is imperative and that if sent in care of the Union-That Nothing-Be-Lost will certainly reach its destination.*

With all thy heart love the love which loves thee, love the love which desires thee, and has created thee to draw thee wholly to himself.—*St. Francis.*

ST. ANTHONY'S PAGE . . .

ST. ANTHONY'S CLOCK NUMBER NINE SCORES ANOTHER POINT

The index hand of St. Anthony's Clock now points to the 12th dot, 120,000 Dimes or $12,000.00 having been contributed by the Clients of the Saint up to December 1st to the erection of the new Church in honor of St. Anthony that is to complete the Great Quadrangle on the summit of the Mount of the Atonement and which we hope to have ready for dedication on the 700th Anniversary of St. Anthony's entrance into Glory. We are planning to have the ceremony of breaking the ground for St. Anthony's Shrine on the Feast of the Chair of Peter, January 18th, which will be the 16th Anniversary of the dedication of the present Monastery Church bearing the name of St. Francis. Immediately after the religious breaking of the ground the compressor will be set to work drilling out the rock for the foundation of the new Church which is to be linked up with the present Church of St. Francis. St. Francis' Church will continue to be the chantry of the Friars behind the High Altar of the new Church of St. Anthony; thus the Seraphic Patriarch and his most illustrious son will be linked together in the double Church. We hope through the generosity of the myriad of clients of St. Anthony to make this one of the most glorious Shrines of the Wonder-Worker of Padua in the new world.

Amount to be Raised—ONE MILLION DIMES

Total Contributions Dec. 1st, 120,000 Dimes

"Idaho": *"I am sending a little thanksgiving offering to St. Anthony for some great help he has given me.. There has been trouble among the chicken raisers of this vicinity and all were distressed. My chickens were not laying as they should, and they were dying of some sort of a disease which we could not seem to remedy and we were afraid the entire flock would go. I made a Novena to St. Anthony and asked if he would help us to save our chickens and in return I would not forget his poor people. I am thankful to say, the prayers have been heard and our trouble seems over."*

THANKSGIVINGS TO THE WONDER-WORKER

B. A., MacD., Syracuse, N. Y.: *"I am sending two dollars, one for* THE LAMP *and the other for a special favor from St. Anthony which I just received. I also promise if I keep my house full the year around I will give an offering to St. Anthony for bread for his poor once a month."*

Mrs. J. R. S., Quakertown, Pa.: *"Please find enclosed offering promised to Saint Anthony if my favors would be granted through a Novena. Thanks to the great Saint for all the favors he obtained for me."*

Mrs. L. Middletown, N. Y.: *"Enclosed find offering which I promised for favor received through St. Anthony. I gladly send you this offering as it was a great favor he sent me."*

Mrs. E. B., N. Y. City: *"Enclosed find offering for St. Anthony's Bread. I promised this if my daughter would get a good position, which she did. I wish to give thanks to the Sacred Heart, Mary Immaculate and good St. Joseph for hearing my prayers."*

Mrs. E. F., Cheyenne Wells, Colo.: *"I promised St. Anthony five cents a day for St. Anthony's Bread for four months if I obtained a certain favor. It has been granted and this is the first payment. I wish to have this published in* THE LAMP."

Miss W. W. Bessemer, Ala.: *"Inclosed please find offering in thanksgiving to St. Anthony for favor received. Our watch dog was lost and he being the protection of our little family, we were very much worried. As usual we appealed to St. Anthony after a vain search of a day and night and promised a Mass in thanksgiving. Right afterwards the little dog returned all battered as though hit by an automobile and lame, but able to do his part as watch dog."*

Mrs. J. P., New York: *"Enclosed please find an offering which I promised St. Anthony if my request was granted. Last July my husband met with an automobile accident and his knee cap was broken and he had to go under an operation. We were afraid that he would never be able to walk again. He was confined in a hospital at the time*

of the Novena, thanks be to God and our Blessed Mother and good St. Anthony after six weeks he came home on crutches and today he is walking almost as good as before the accident and working every day."

COME TO THE RESCUE OF FR. SALVATOR

In a recent letter Fr. Salvator, the hard-working pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Hereford, Texas, writes us as follows:

"The Sisters' House is completed; and it is very neat. It has eight rooms and bath, porches all around, new floors, walls papered, new roof, outside stuccoed, everything painted: it cost up to date $1,501.72. MORE DEBTS TO CARRY UPON MY SHOULDERS. *The Sisters took possession on the 19th of November and are very happy and bless the day when they moved in. Now that we have everything completed the School and the Sisters' House where is the money to come from to pay our debts? In God we trust: He will provide. I am getting along fine, except the car is getting old; I have used it for five years and it is now giving trouble every day. There is no money to buy a new one and it must go until it cannot go any longer."*

Segis, Cattle-King, on St. Anthony's Farm

The best way to help Fr. Salvator and our Sisters is to patronize the Perpetual Novena to St. Anthony which they carry on, a new Novena beginning every Tuesday similar to the one at Graymoor. Promise St. Anthony a donation towards his Hereford Mission provided your petition is granted: then redeem the promise when the request is fulfilled by sending your thank-offering to Reverend Father Salvator, S.A., St. Anthony's Church, Hereford, Texas.

CLIENTS OF ST. ANTHONY AT HEREFORD ARE GRATEFUL

Mary T. H., New Jersey: *"Enclosed please find check for five dollars in honor of good St. Anthony for bread for his poor, as offering of thanksgiving for a very special favor received by my son. Please publish."*

Mrs. J. E. P., Tex.: *"Please find enclosed a small offering for St. Anthony's poor, in thanksgiving for finding my diamond car rings in a most singular manner. I can't be too high in my praise to the dear Wonder-Worker. He has never failed me in finding lost articles, for which I am indeed most grateful.*

F. E. B.: *"Enclosed is a check for $5.00 which I promised to give to your school fund if he would obtain for me a buyer for my business. My request was granted almost as soon as I asked to have my intention prayed for."*

Miss M. B.: *"Inclosed find offering to help your church promised to St. Anthony for favor granted."*

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. ANTHONY'S FARM

We print below contributions towards paying for the 100 acre addition to St. Anthony's Farm contributed during the month of November. The amount is small but we have a big donation which has come to us in the last few days to report next month that will make up for the November shortage.

Previously reported, $5,533.06. Mrs. C. G., 10c; Mrs. M. E. McM., $1; Mrs. M. E. McL., $1; A. C. D., $10; Mrs. M. E. McL., $1. Total to November 30, 1927, $5,546.16.

SAINT ANTHONY TESTIMONIALS

K. M. M., New York: *"Enclosed is a small offering in fulfilment of a promise to St. Anthony for restoring to me a ring which had been dropped into a very deep lake."*

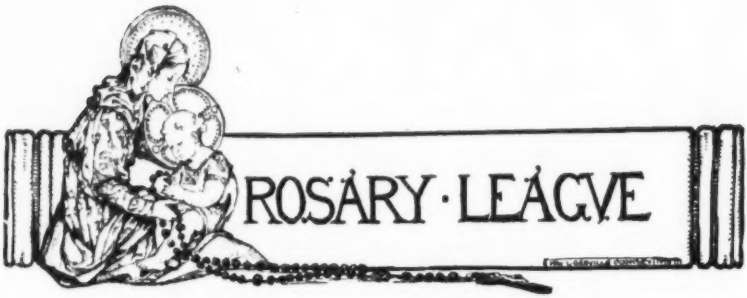
Josephine K.: *"Inclosed find one dollar which I promised to St. Anthony of the Perpetual Novena for the recovery of health. I am very thankful to St. Anthony. I am feeling a great deal better. I received your card."*

B. A. L., Fort Worth, Texas: *"A short while ago, I wrote you asking that an intention might be remembered in your Novena to St. Anthony. I had just returned from the hospital and was out of employment. Despite the fact that I had excellent references, it seemed utterly impossible to find any position! The day following the Novena, I obtained a position and I know it was through St. Anthony's intercession and your prayers."*

C. N., Springfield, Ohio: *"Inclosed find an offering for St. Anthony's Bread Fund in thanksgiving for a favor received. St. Anthony has been wonderfully good to me, and is constantly granting me favors."*

P. T. Vallejo, Calif.: *"I am sending you my check for thirty-five dollars which I wish you would use for St. Anthony's poor in thanksgiving for a favor received. I had a lot which I had been trying to sell for a great number of years, but it seemed a hopeless case. Finally, I appealed to St. Anthony, and needless to say, the lot has been sold. This is a little commission for him in gratitude for his assistance."*

A. L., Keokuk, Iowa: *"I would deem it a great privilege to have this testimonial published in* THE LAMP. *We have asked St. Anthony many favors, including the securing of employment, increase in salary, health and the location of a home, and they have all been granted according to our needs, and we feel truly thankful and would suggest that many others who are in quandaries would appeal to this Wonder-Worker."*



A Call to Rosarians on Behalf of Mexico

In the Christmas number of THE LAMP we appealed to the members of our Rosary League to enlist with one consent in a UNITED CRUSADE OF PRAYER on behalf of the persecuted Church in Mexico. We reminded you that Mexico has already become an extension of the Red Reign of Antichrist in Russia. The fiendish hatred of Christ and His religion and of those who practise it and the hellish despotism now prevailing in our sister Republic South of the Rio Grande creates a chapter which for horror should be bound in the same volume with the history of Bolshevism during the last ten years in Leningrad and Moscow. Calles seems bent upon going down in history as the Nero of the 20th Century. In support of this assertion made in our Appeal to the Rosarians last month we quote from a N. C. W. C. news despatch. If it does not awaken within you a sense of indignant protest and a deep desire to do something to put an end to such horrible tragedies then we are deeply disappointed in our Rosarians.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A series of eight letters which, taken together, are a remarkable revelation of actual conditions in Mexico today has just come into the hands of the N. C. W. C. News Service.

Each of the letters was written in Mexico, and the writers range from a Bishop in hiding, to fugitive parish priests recounting events to their exiled Bishops, and laymen who are courageously carrying on the work of the Church in the absence of clergy. They are from different parts of the Republic and deal with varying phases of life as it is now lived in Mexico.

Taken as a whole, this group of letters tells a story of persevering and even intensified Catholicity, recounting clandestine Masses, Communions, confessions and baptisms, and telling of furtive religious gatherings that at times reach 1,500 in numbers. How little children fast that the persecution may be lifted, is one of the touching incidents told. Everywhere, intense loyalty to Bishops and priests, even though in exile, is attested.

The Dark Deeds of Calles

At the same time, Calles' dark deeds of persecution and bloodshed are told, by persons on the spot—the hanging of a priest, the shooting of a Sister Superior, the turning over of nuns to the soldiers, the burning of whole villages, and concentration camps even more ruthlessly decreed than those in Cuba which roused the United States to arms.

There are likewise glimpses of the desperate economic situation into which Calles' policies have driven Mexico.

The first letter is from a Bishop now in hiding in Mexico. It tells of two heroic deaths, and of the lively survival of faith. It says:

"The devotion with which the month of the Rosary and the week of penance have been observed, exceeds all our expectations. Throughout the country the Rosary has been recited with great fervor and frequently in public, not joyfully, but penitently, as becomes the sad condition in which we live.

"The idea of setting aside a week for penance has been well received. There were during the week many public prayers, pilgrimages and fastings. School children fasted or ate their food without salt, and the people voluntarily imposed upon themselves all kinds of privations.

"Equally great was the devotion manifested on the feast of Christ the King. It is said that at Guadalupe, 500,000 persons visited the Church that day, thus showing how untruthful is the statement of the Minister of Gobernacion when he says that the spirit of religion in our country is dead.

In the outlying districts and states, martyrdoms and assaults continue. It seems that the soldiers of the Federal Government have no other mission here today than that of torturing an unhappy people. They have burned village after village, destroyed churches, burned statues in the public squares to the sound of playing bands; they have driven the population out of innumerable ranches into miserable concentration camps, and thus have sought to deprive the rebels of every support.

Priest Hanged, Sister Superior Shot

"From a source which I deem most reliable, I have learned the following: Father Rodrigo Aguilar, parish priest of Union de Tula, Jalisco, was condemned to be executed at Ejutla. He declared that it gave him joy to shed his blood for Christ, and his executioners replied that they would not give him even that joy, but would hang him. This they did, but while his body was still hanging, one of his veins burst open and his blood flowed freely, as he prayed that it should.

"In the same town, the Mother Superioress of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration was shot and the Sisters were carried off to be the prey of the soldiers.

"Today, under pretext of the disgusting and horrible attack against the life of Obregon, they are again arresting Catholics. I am sure that those who are arrested are to be sacrificed unjustly, because I am unable to believe that any Catholic has had a part in this. There is no information whatever as to who were the guilty ones."

Will every Reader of THE LAMP, whether they count themselves members of the Rosary League of our Lady of the Atonement or not, say at least one decade of the Rosary every day during 1928 for the overthrow of the reign of Antichrist in Mexico and the return to peace and prosperity of the Church in that desolate, devil-scourged land. It is Tennyson who said: *"more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of"* and there is no more powerful weapon which we can exercise in defense of the Church and the subjects of Christ The King than to tell our beads because thereby we unite ourselves with the Queen of Angels and Saints and through her intercession with the Omnipotent Power of God "Who sitteth between the Cherubim be the earth never so unquiet."

CANDLEMAS NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE ATONEMENT

The next Novena to our Lady of the Atonement begins on Candlemas Day. It will be the 25th Anniversary of the first issue of THE LAMP in 1903. We trust that thousands of our Rosarians will unite in the observance of that particular Novena with the Friars and Sisters at Graymoor. As the Mexicans themselves appealed to our Lady of Guadalupe at her Feast Day in December let us American Catholics appeal to the same Blessed Lady during the Feast of her Purification. It is an opportune time and if we could season our prayers with a little penance, fasting and alms-giving on behalf of our suffering brethren in Mexico it would make it all the more effective. Do NOT FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR PETITIONS WITHOUT DELAY and make this the largest Novena, reckoned by the numbers of those participating, that has ever been conducted in honor of Our Lady of the Atonement.

Mrs. R., Rochester, N. Y.: *"After fervent prayer to our Lady of the Atonement, with promise of Masses and publication, my husband went to the Sacraments. Please publish in* THE LAMP *so that others will have recourse to Our Lady of the Atonement in similar needs."*

Client: *"I'm asking once again your prayers in the Novena of our Lady of the Atonement. The week following the last Novena our Lady gave to me, what had seemed, and really was the impossible. My prayers unaided are of little value; but united with the prayers of the good Sisters at St. Francis House, were heard. I can but offer my love, my prayers and my appreciation to you. Enclosed find an offering for St. Anthony's poor.*

Sister M. C.: *"I thank you for your kind letter and your promise of special prayers for our sick novice. The doctor is more hopeful now and thinks he may not have to amputate the finger. The swelling which has been bad all along, went down completely today. We feel this is due to the Novena you have been making for us. May we beg you to continue your prayers until we write and tell you that Sister's finger is entirely well."*

THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE VISITS OUR SISTERS IN VANCOUVER

Sister Monica, the Superior of the Japanese Mission in Vancouver, writes to the Mother as follows: "The big day is over and everything went very nicely. The Apostolic Delegate of Canada with his Secretary and eight other priests visited us, as arranged, on Saturday, November 12th. His Excellency was so kind and gracious; speaks English fluently, but spoke Italian with Sister M. M. (our little Italian Sister), his Secretary, also, asked her all about the work of our Sisters and was very pleased to hear that we are especially active among his countrymen.

"Of course, we were not at all in order yet, having just moved into our new house, but fixed up everything as well as we could, although unfortunately, the chapel was not in use, for the permanent floor has not yet been put down, but when his Excellency was told that that room would be the chapel he gave it a very special blessing. Indeed, we received so many graces and blessings that day, we should be very good.

We expect to have the formal blessing of our house and public reception of our friends on the 3rd or 4th of December and we are expecting His Grace, our dear Archbishop, to officiate. Our new home is, as you know, just around the corner from the old place, but is, indeed, very, very different; it is going to be one of the loveliest places around here, although very simple and in conformity with Franciscan ideals. I think what pleases the Sisters almost more than anything else is the nice kitchen porch, which will be so very pleasant for them in the warm summer to slip out to while doing their work.

"I forgot to mention that on the day of the Visitation we had a beautiful fall of snow, it covered up all the debris of the building operations lying around the grounds. Everything was, our houses included, a beautiful white. It was, indeed, a lovely picture."

ROSARY LEAGUE INTERCESSIONS

Special Intention for January:

For Foreign Missions

Other Intentions:

Conversion to Christ and Holy Church of the On Thousand Million who are still pagan. Conversion of all Eastern Schmatics, Anglicans and other Protestants to Catholic Unity. Conversion of the Jews. For the China, Japan, Africa and India Missions. Supplications for Priests and Religious in their sphere of service.

Spiritual Favors: 403. Concerning vocation to the Priesthood or the Religious Life or guidance therein, 46. Happy Marriage, 101. Grace of Temperance, 97. Return to God and the Sacraments, 211; Special Intentions, 1,467; Conversion to Catholicism, 99; Happy Death for 29; Repose of 92.

Temporal Favors, 415. Restoration to health, 682; Return of lost articles, 20; Prayers are asked by 53.

Financial and Industrial: Success for 187; Suitable employment, 503; Financial aid for 107; Good sales or rentals, 234. Thanksgivings are rendered by 502.

A PRAYER SUITABLE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

To the Editor of The Lamp:

Will you please have the following prayer published in The Lamp?

It was composed by Ven. Father Haffhaner, C.S.S.R.

O Almighty God! We raise our voices to Thee that Thou mayst hear and have pity on us. Thou canst assist us in a wonderful manner, God of Sanctity, God of Strength. Immortal God have pity on us. We implore Thee thru the merits of Jesus Christ, thru the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, of St Joseph, of the Holy Magi, Kings Gaspar, Melchior and Balthassar, and of all Thy Saints to deign to grant us here below temporal blessings and above the blessing of eternal life. Amen.

This prayer was recommended by a Nun and is to be said in honor of The Holy Magi.

I have been granted two favors in answer to this prayer.

Marion R. Nugent.

Pittsfield, Mass.

A HIGH EXPONENT OF U. N. B. L. PRINCIPLES

To the Editor of The Lamp:

I read a little something about the holy Cardinal Mercier which will entitle him to become one of the patrons of the Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost, when he is canonized which will happen sooner than we think. Cardinal Mercier said: "To the degree that I give most willingly for anything, which is necessary, I would reproach myself just as much to waste one centime."

All his Apostolic Letters and the manuscripts of his books are written on the back or reverse of circular papers of which the rest had already been made use of.

Montreal Father A. Q.

ANENT PATRONIZING YELLOW JOURNALS

To the Editor of The Lamp:

In your November issue you published a letter from Mr. William E Kerrish of Wollaston, Mass., in which he says "in big cities, as Catholics pour out from Holy Mass, many of them go straight to news boys, on the very Church steps, and buy those Sunday newspapers which are most sensational and offensive to the Catholic sense."

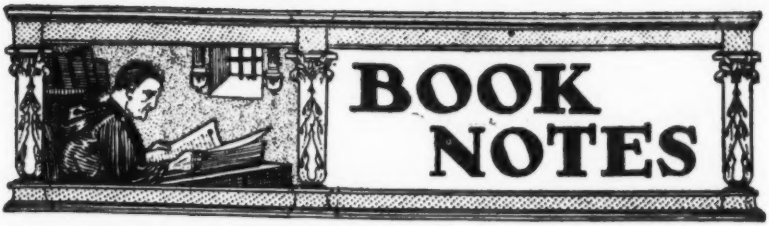
In times past and in divers places I have seen the thing Mr. Kerrish describes, only I would say that "a few' rather than "many" might better describe the condition he pictures —that is, judging from my own experience. Since there seems to be nothing immoral about selling a Sunday paper, even on the steps of the Church, it is not a matter for surprise that an enterprising Catholic newsboy should take a bundle of papers to the front of the Church where he is known and try to dispose of them. Nevertheless it is not edifying and I think the Priests as a rule discourage it with much success. In New York City, for example, (since Mr. Kerrish refers especially to "big cities"), this practice must be very unusual if not totally extinct, for I have attended Mass at many New York churches and do not recall such a practice as being in evidence. Truth to tell, one did not have to go far to run into a news-stand.

As to the sort of Sunday paper purchased, I have had opportunity in a town outside the Metropolitan district, to note that many Catholics visit the newsdealer right after Mass and secure all sorts of Sunday papers, but first on the list comes The Times, then The World, then The Tribune, finally the sort that Mr. Kerrish seems to have in mind. Both from personal observation and by enquiry of the newsdealer I may say that Catholics, who include all sorts and conditions of people, show preferences similar to those of non-Catholics, but a large majority of them select the papers which I think Mr. Kerrish would not condemn.

To be a little more personal, a half dozen friends depend on me to bring them their Sunday paper; of this number three take The Times, two take The World and one The Tribune. One used to take "a yellow journal" but without any solicitation from me changed to one of the above; and these were all Catholics. I believe they fairly, or almost fairly represent the choice of such Catholics as bother to get a Sunday paper. "Almost" I said, because, according to any system of human averages one or two Catholics in a dozen would, for one reason or other, prefer a yellow sort, though, perhaps, not because of this particular quality attributed to it, but because of the jokes, the cross-word puzzle or some other feature known or advertised.

As to "why we do not have more converts from among the cultivated American people" I think, on second consideration, Mr. Kerrish will in part concede that the Sunday papers Catholics buy have little if anything to do with the question. In fact one of the most powerfully attractive things about the Catholic Church among cultivated non-Catholics is the realization that she is Catholic, universal in her scope, including people of all tastes and all sorts, high and low, rich and poor, cultivated and ignorant and everything between the two. That "the poor have the Gospel preached to them" is the divine charity that most touches the heart of the intelligent, and even of the rich. Those seriously contemplating entrance into the Catholic Church will not seek to make progress by judging the motives of others in a narrow-minded sort of way. The Sunday paper is chiefly a family amusement, and I do not think the majority of Catholics take it more seriously than do their children "Mutt and Jeff."

New York. J. R.



Rome and the Pope. By Rev. Marino Priori, Dedicated to the Knights of Columbus in recognition of their gift to the Pope. Publishers, The Eternal Light Publishing Co., Indianapolis, Ind. Price $1.50. Bound in cloth and fully illustrated, with views of ancient and modern Rome, the Vatican and St. Peters with their art treasures in painting and sculpture. The publishers tell us, "It is invaluable to the tourist—a Guide and Key to the Holy City—revealing light on the sequence of its mastery over the world."

Cresting the Ridge. By a Sister of Notre Dame, Publishers, P. J. Kenedy, New York City. Price $2.00. It is by the Author of **Rabonni** and **Spiritual Pastels.** The book is divided into short chapters, each presenting a complete thought, delicately rendered with a commendable lack of sentimentality. The type is large and clear, and the paper rough cut, an attractive little gift book.

The Romance of a Priest, By Rev. Paul A. Kelly. Publishers, P. J. Kenedy & Sons, New York City. Cloth. Price, $1.75. To quote from the publishers' description: "Father Kelly makes us feel the extraordinary beauty and romance, the glowing drama, the high purpose, the spiritual satisfaction and completeness in a life that need never be dull. An active, glowing, perfect life, enriched with the everlasting and ever-enduring love of God." A very excellent gift for newly-ordained priests.

Around the World with a Dictaphone. By Sir Henry Lunn. American publishers, The Fleming H. Revelle Co., New York City. Price, $2.50. The publishers' description says: "This volume contains a record of a journey around the world, via, New York, Ottawa, Chicago, Winnipeg, Vancouver, New Zealand and Australia. The Author had the remarkable distinction of being invited to give the annual address to the Sulgrave Institute of New York on George Washington's Birthday and, also, of being requested by the Secretary of State for the Dominions to speak on 'Immigration,' and by the League of Nations Union to advocate their cause. Conferences with leading men in political and church life, to whom he was introduced by personal letters from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Cecil and Mr. Amery, both in the United States and in the Dominions, gives Sir Henry Lunn opportunities for acquiring valuable information on the much debated questions of prohibition, politics, Church Union and the numerous experiences in labor governments made by the different Australian states."

This is an interesting and well written book of travels. The standpoint is not that of the Church. We have opened at random to a paragraph which says, "The politeness of Americans overwhelms me. They sent for me in a motor, and as I wanted to get back quickly and preferred to come by train, the gentleman who brought me in his car, went with me to the underground from New Jersey to New York to see that I made the correct changes and got quickly to my hotel. Politeness, indeed."

Manna Almanac, Published by the Society of the Divine Savior, St. Nazienz, Wisc. Price 20c. This is a splendid little annual that grows increasingly valuable from year to year. It has more matter than usual and is full of interesting missionary and other tales. We note that it is called "the young folks' delight" and glancing through it we see readily the reason why those buying it will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are assisting the growth and support of the good Fathers' seminary and mission work.

The Call of the Master to the Catholic Student Body, By Timothy T. Clancy, Montgomery, N. Y. Price 15c each. We like very much, indeed, this little brochure of eight short chapters. We think it will be found excellent for wide circulation among our Catholic students, and suitable for young boys and young women.

We have received from the **Catholic Truth Society,** 72 Victoria St., London, England, a number of their excellent and well known pamphlets, at 5 cents each; titles, etc., as follows: **Miracles, by Rev. Ronald A. Knox. Henry II, a Story of School Life, by Rev. M. F. Bodkin, S.J. Holy Images and the Crucifix, by Rev. Fathers Sydney Smith, S.J., and Latty, S.J. Freemasonry, Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, Holy Communion and the Holy Hour, Catholics and Divorce, by Rev. Thurston, S.J. Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, by Rev. Fr. Bonnar, O.F.M. Schools and the Evidence Guild, The Pope's Intentions, and Baptism and Churching, by Rev. E. Martindale, S.J. The Virtue of Purity, by Rev. Buckler, O.P. Education: A Novel Solution, by Cardinal Bourne. Eyes to the Blind, by Rev. Bearne, S.J. Religion of Today: What is Wrong With It? by Rev. G. J. MacGillivary. A Day in the Life of Our Lord, by Rev. Francis Clarke. England and the Foreign Missionary Movement, by Lieut.-Colonel Francis J. Bowen. Birth Control, by a Doctor and by a Priest. Little Office of Our Lady, two volumes; Matins and Lauds in one volume, Little Hours, Vespers and Compline in the other. The Catholic Girl Guides' Prayer Book. Words of Encouragement, by Rev. Daniel. Considine. The Son of Man and other Poems.**

From the **Catholic Truth Society of Ireland,** 7 and 8 Lower Abbey St., Dublin Ireland: **Knowing the Truth and Belief and Conduct, by Rev. A. Ryan and Rev. P. O'Neill. Evolution and Catholicity, by Sir Bertram C. A. Windle, M.A. St. John Chrysostom, by Rev. Scantlebury, S.J. The Death of the Cross, a psychological study, by Dr. E. LeBac, St. Dympna, by V. Rev. J. M. Routledge, P.P. The Trials of Life: And How to Bear Them, by V. Rev. P. Coffey. Defending the Truth, by Prof. O'Sullivan.**

Read about Prize Contest on Page 11.

OUR REQUIEM MASS LIST

The following is a list of Deceased Subscribers and Near Relatives whose deaths have been reported to us during the last month. The list is restricted to those who die within the subscription year. For them Collectively a Set of Thirty Masses will be said by a Foreign Missionary Priest. The number Thirty has been chosen because the custom of saying this number of Masses for the repose of a single soul is very ancient, being commonly known by the name of Gregorian Masses. Since these have proven so efficacious for the individual, a set of Thirty Masses said on thirty consecutive days must also prove efficacious, although the number of souls prayed for be many, for the power of the Holy Sacrifice is unlimited:

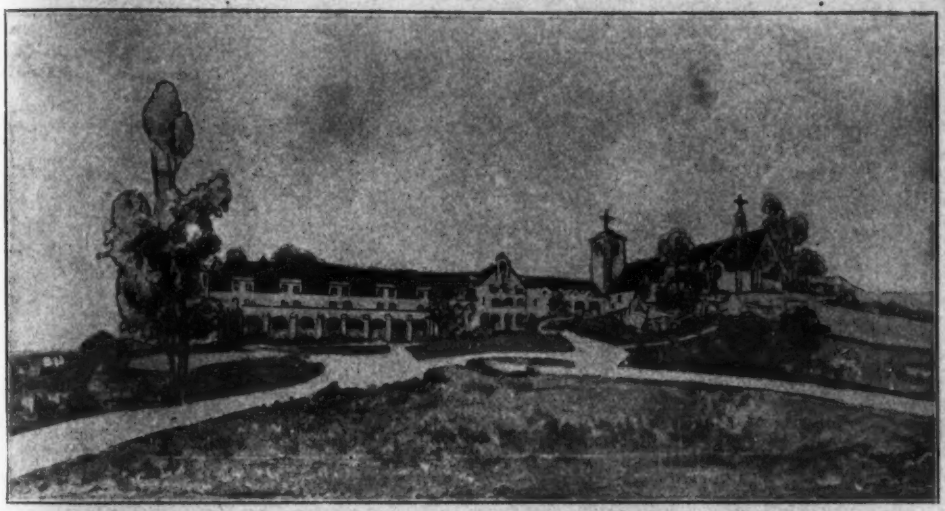
Rev. Thomas Conroy, Sister M. Claudia, Margaruite Caldwell, Elizabeth Abbott, Catherine White, Catherine O'Grady, Mrs. Catherine A. Curoe, Ellen Meehan, Ellen C. Hanarahan, John Gaffney, John Collins, John Albert Waldapfil, A. F. Hillenbrand, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Geraty, Morgan Craven, Catherine Lally, Beatrice Graney, Irene Hagedorn, Ellen Stephens, Mary McPhillips, Mrs. Tucker, William Miller, Mrs. Catherine Reinert, Dennis Conroy, Margaret McDonnell, James McDonnell, Elizabeth Nagle, Catherine Willis, Michael Goodwin, Ann McArdle, Mary Driscoll, James Swaney, Mrs. B. Blount, Jane T. McCann, Mrs. James McNeilly, Mary Ward, Daniel Carr, James Mooney, Octave Gaudry, Richard L. Casey, George E. Dennis, John Sylvester Schick, Martha Wendell, Elizabeth Clara Schick, William T. Maupin, Jr., Edward J. Breslin, Sister Mary Gabriel, Daniel Dwyer, Mrs. Anne E. Dwyer, Sister M. Thomas Dooley, Elizabeth Griffin, Mrs. Julia Cosgrove, John Hearns, Catherine B. Hearns, James E. Hearns, Mrs. Mary Hearns, Joseph J. Hearns, Miss Anna M. Hearns, Frank T. Hearns, Charles V. Hearns, Edward Walsh, Clara Wieber, Bernard M. Shanley, Joseph V. Clark, William Early, Mrs. Nellie Riggs, Mrs. Mary Brazel, Jacob Bransen, Mrs. Geo. Yeates Mrs. Mary Benoit, Catherine Rodgers, Mrs. Mary Henkins, Mrs. B. Dietz, Michael Leary, Mrs. Annie Leeney, Mrs. J. Dowling, Mrs. Margaret Frawley, Catherine Curoe, Louise Mgt. Kenkel, George Leonard, Mrs. Mary E. Kirby, Mary. Cook, Carl Weirich, Patrick Ignatius Hanagan, Mrs. Elizabeth Keith, John Samuel McCabe, James Joseph Kenny, Mrs. Katherine Scavarda, Thomas J. Seery, John McKiernan, Robert A. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Whalen, Joe Quinn, Peter Mullin, Mrs. Johanna Higgins, Margaret Horan, John C. Ratigan, Joseph Heim, Mrs. Lucy Budnik, Hugh McMenamin, E. B. Streator, Mrs. Emma Sullivan, Mrs. Ellen Connelly, Mrs. Mary E. Kirby, J. J. Dooley, Mrs. Catherine Willis, Charles V. Hearns, Mrs. Theo. Kroes, Thomaster Masterson, Simon Patrick Donovan, Irene Hagedoon, Mrs. Catherine Murphy, Mrs. M. Duffy, Mr. O'Donnell, Thos. Brady, Mrs. Minnie Gilmore, Anna Cassidy, Vincent J. Signaigo, Mrs. Katherine Richards, Emma Street, Delia G. Butler, Mrs. Mary Margaret Picharet, Phillip Gaffney, Thomas J. Louis, Cornelius Bresnahan, Patrick J. O'Connell, John Foley, Charles McDermott, Rev. Thos. McGinn, Rev. Fr. Raymond Joyce, John Beierschmitt, John Wellner, Magdalena Brecher, Barbara Bosche, Mrs. F. W. Geraty, Jean Weggie, Edw. C. Sheil, Rev. Jas. J. Quinn, Crestena Schaefer, Jerome Usher, Alice Westendorf, George Gagne, Mr. Adam, Miss Katherine Hopkins, William Thos. Mudd, Patrick Burke, Frances Devine, Richard S. Coughlin, Mrs. Rodgers, Annie J. Shanley, Matthew McDonough, Mary E. Bresan, Mrs. Florence Dupoeis, Elizabeth Plunkett, Dr. William Finnegan, Thos. McEnroe, Mrs. Ellen Ennis, Mrs. Elizabeth McGovern, Mrs. Annie Teresa Miller.

Requiescant in Pace

Rev. J. M. Lyons, S.J., of Chicago has received the approval of the Rev. James McHugh, superintendent of archdiocesan schools, to organize the Catholic Instruction League in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The work of the league consists in establishing and conducting "instruction centers" for pupils of the public schools.

A splendid opportunity to help yourself by helping The Lamp may be discovered on page 11.

Have You Contributed to the Little Flower Memoriol?



The Little Flower Memorial, Friary and Church as the Quadrangle will appear when Little Flower Memorial is finished. St. John's House of Studies is supposed to be hidden from view behind the tree on the Extreme Left.

On this page we give the architect's drawing of the Little Flower Memorial Building on the summit of the Mount of the Atonement. On the extreme right is St. Francis Church; on the extreme left hidden behind the tree is St. John's Atonement College. The Little Flower Memorial occupies the center of the Quadrangle. The portion with the gable roof is the front of the large Memorial Hall in the rear of which shut off from the stage by a steel curtain is the Oratory of the Little Flower. By raising the curtain the hall can at any time be changed from an auditorium into a chapel where Mass can be celebrated or Benediction be given when the congregation is too large to be accommodated in the Monastery church.

All that portion of the building to the left of the hall will serve as an extension of the College. The construction of the Memorial is of stone, tile, steel and concrete with slate roof and is fire proof. It is built to sand until the Judgment Day. As many as one hundred thousand lovers of the Little Flower have already contributed towards its erection. This is the language of fact not of exaggeration, the offerings ranging all the way from a dime upward and very much the larger number being less than a dollar.

We wish to give ALL Readers of THE LAMP an opportunity to contribute to this beautiful and substantial Memorial to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. The Graymoor Friars have secured the exclusive right of importing from France an exact, though miniature, copy of the original portrait of the Little Flower painted by her sister, Celine. This portrait is set in an easel frame of floriated bronze and will be mailed UPON REQUEST to every LAMP Reader sending an offering towards the Little Flower Memorial Building. It will serve, we trust, as a lifetime souvenir, linking the giver with the Little Flower Memorial on the Mount of the Atonement, the corner-stone of which was laid on July 19th, 1926, by the late Papal Legate to the Eucharistic Congress, Cardinal Bonzano. The building is now approaching completion and very heavy payments have to be met with a treasury drained to its depths, consequently a shower of contributions JUST AT THIS CRITICAL TIME WILL BE MOST WELCOME. To those who would like to contribute some special memorial to the building we recommend one of the large windows of leaded glass in the hall, two hundred dollars each. One hundred dollars will furnish one of the "cells" to be occupied by a Friar or Student. A tablet will be placed on the wall giving the name of the benefactor with the request that the occupant of the cell pray for the donor. Both the memorial windows and the furnishing of the cells can be paid for *by degrees*, if it is not convenient for the benefactor to contribute the whole amount at once.

Address: Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y.

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Here again is a widow, whom her husband, more or less careless about his soul, amply provided for in his Will; she wishes to establish an endowment of Masses to be said both for his soul as well as her own when her body follows his to the cemetery. It is also her wish that when these Masses will be no longer needed either for herself or her husband that they will be said for other souls in Purgatory, she herself retaining the privilege in heaven, God permitting it, to apply the Masses to the particular souls in suffering whom she may elect.

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